

WABE Secondary ELL Special Interest Group

Agenda / Minutes

April 18, 2015

11:30-12:30

WABE Annual Conference

Facilitators: *Thad Williams*, Bellevue School District
Bethany Barrett, Bellingham Public Schools

Total in attendance: 36

11:30-11:40 Call to order (Bethany) Introductions / Purpose & Vision of SIG
Make sure to sign-in!

Thad and Bethany introduced themselves and shared a brief overview of the SIGs purpose and also what was discussed and accomplished at the January SIG meeting (the first meeting).

Shared several points for the purpose of the formation of this SIG and gave time for group input and additions:

Purpose for Special Interest Group

- *Connect ELL staff, stakeholders, and education systems around the state*
- *Share resources*
- *Advocate for secondary ELLs and programs state-wide*
- *Problem-solve dilemmas related to serving secondary ELLs*
- *Create a forum for diverse voices and experiences surrounding the issues related to secondary ELL programs statewide*
- *Develop partnerships in an effort to streamline processes and routines*
- *Establish an ongoing focus at WABE on the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse youth at the secondary level*

11:40-11:50 Mission Statement Discussion

Thad shared two sample mission statements with the group. The group then broke into small groups of 4-5. People discussed possible mission statements and each group created a draft mission statement.

NEXT STEPS: Mission statements will be posted to Wiggy site. All SIG members will have a chance to revise, add to, edit mission statements. After a period of two weeks we will vote on a mission statement to adopt.

11:50-12:00 WABE SIG Position Nominations and Voting

Bethany shared mandatory positions based on WABE SIG Guidelines. The group decided we will not be dealing with money this first year so there is no need for a treasurer. In place of the treasurer we will have an Online Resource Manager to manage the Wiggio site and resources. Positions recommended for the SIG are: co-chair, co-chair, secretary, online manager.

The group makes the recommendation to nominate and vote today at the meeting. It is seconded. The group nominates and votes for the following for WABE SIG positions:

Co-Chair – Bethany Barrett (Bellingham School District)

Co-Chair – Thad Williams (Bellevue School District)

Secretary – Paul Firth (Othello School District)

Online Wiggio Manager – Issa Elhayek (Marysville School District)

*There is also conversation about the importance of having representation in the positions from both sides of the state.

There is unanimous approval of all for candidates and positions.

12:00-12:20 Topics of Interest: Discussion Activity

Thad shares topics of interest from the January meeting and that these topics were collected through a survey. Some members did not get a chance to take the survey so it will be resent. Topics will be chosen from this list to be discussed at two future meetings next year: September and January.

12:20-12:30 Future Meeting Dates 2015 – 2016

It is WABE SIG policy to have two meetings a year plus one business meeting at the annual conference. Thad and Bethany propose to the group that we plan on having a meeting in September and January for 2015 – 2016 and then the annual meeting next April. All members agree to this timeline. A poll will be sent out later this spring to decide on the exact September date and location. It is proposed by a group member that we meet in central or eastern Washington for the September meeting. There was no action taken, but general consensus from the group.

Thad reminded people to sign up for the Wiggio and we collected 22 new signatures.

12:30 Meeting was adjourned.