

Date: 2/28/13, 3:30 p.m.
English Language Proficiency Standards Committee
Minutes

Attending: C. Barney, T. Barns, S. Bird, K. Graff, B. Hughs, G. Johnson, M. LaForte, J. Lexow, M. McQueen, S. Musick, A. Miguel, E. Palmberg, S. Yoder, P. Farrar.

1. Introductions

- a. Phyllis Farrar hosted the meeting online using Adobe Connect, issues related to audio were solved for the most part.
- b. Committee membership

When the need arose for a new Standards Committee, members of the 2009-2010 ESOL Standards committee were invited to return. Those who accepted are:

- Stephanie Bird*, Wichita
- Melanie McQueen*, Eudora
- Gina Bates, Pratt
- Sherri Brantley, FHSU
- Deb Case, Topeka
- Kelly Herbst, Derby
- Brooke Hughs, Syracuse
- Yosdel Ibarra, Junction City
- Tonnie Martinez, K-State
- Kathryn Nelson, Wichita
- Leah Wisdom, Lawrence

Then we put out a call for nominations for new members - determinations were difficult and it came down to sorting out representation for every State BOE district, levels of instruction(preK-5, MS, HS, K-12), administration and higher ed.

New members are:

- Carol Barney, Shawnee Mission
- Tonya Barns, Flint Hills Coop
- Mike Flenthrope, Shawnee Mission
- Mandy Glasse, Clearwater Service Center
- Kristen Graff, Salina
- Gabriella Johnson, Independence
- Monica LaForte, Pittsburg
- John Lexow, Emporia
- Judy Martin, Gardner-Edgerton
- Alicia Miguel, Kansas City
- Sidni Musick, Garden City
- Edith Palmberg, Olathe
- Sylvia Yoder, Newton

[A complete list of the committee is attached. If there are any errors, please notify Phyllis Farrar immediately. The list will be published on the ELP Standards webpage.]

2. Committee's Task

Kansas has joined the ELPA21 Standards Project. Our task is to: "adopt a common set of English Language Proficiency standards that correspond to the college-and-career-ready Common Core State Standards. This set of commonly* adopted standards will serve as the foundation for the development of the new English language proficiency assessment."

There are currently ten states in the ELPA21 project: Arkansas, Florida, Kansas, Iowa, Louisiana, Ohio, Oregon, S. Carolina, Washington, and W. Virginia. These ten states have agreed to come up with common standards. Several other states have not formally joined the group but are attending meetings as "close observers" on the sidelines. Which means they could join in the future.

The current 2011 ESOL Standards are in effect until new ELP standards are adopted. The standards were evaluated in a study "Correspondence of State Standards" to CCSS of ELA, June 2012. The standards were closely examined by AZ and CA, as they created their 2012

standards. This has come about because of good assessments and we feel this effort will benefit KS. We are proud of the 2011 standards, but as emphasis is placed at the national level on linking common core and ELP or ESOL standards, and importantly, in order for KS to get our NCLB waiver, we must prove the close correspondence, and must develop a good assessment based on this expectation. We expect that a collaborative state project will provide a better product, for both standards and assessments. As we move forward we will use the term English Language Proficiency, "ELP" standards rather than "ESOL" standards for the sake of consistency with the ELPA21 project.

The process is different than for the 2011 standards, since is collaborative with the other states. The process is organized by CCSSO (Council of Chief State School Officers).

1. National experts write ELP standards - (Phyllis will forward to the committee when it is sent to the state)
2. Ten states review and give feedback
3. Revisions are made
4. Ten states review and solicit public input
5. Revisions are made
6. Final draft will be presented to the board 7. Accept public comment 8. Board will vote to adopt (December 2013)

Public updates will be posted on the ELP Standards web page - go to ksde.org, click on Academic Standards, then click on ELP/ESOL Standards.

3. Timeline - 2013

- March [late March or early April] - all day, meet in Emporia: review first draft; formulate and submit detailed responses
- April or May (meet online) - second draft; formulate and submit detailed response
- August or Sept. (meet online) - third draft
- October - present to BOE
- Publish final draft for public comment
- November or December - BOE vote on adoption

4. Timeline for the new assessment

The ELPA 21 group has received a US Department of Education Assessment grant. The assessment will be based on the common standards. Oregon, lead state for ELPA 21 has been preparing the organizational structure to that as standards work progress, the framework for a new assessment will be developed. Once the standards are finalized work on the assessment will progress as quickly as possible. Kansas plans to participate in the "pilot" assessment in 2015. It is on record in the KS waiver (and most states involved) that this work will move quickly.

5. Question/Answers

Q: Why did KS not go with WIDA standards? A: (short version) Correlation between WIDA standards and CCSS is not any stronger than with our current KS ESOL Standards. The ELPA21 standards will be better.

Q: As there is more emphasis on the writing standards in the new Common Core Standards, do you foresee a big change in the writing standards for ELP? Will they be related to 6 trait or KWIET? A: Not huge changes, because KELPA has had a performance writing piece using a

rubric. It is not exactly six traits, but similar. We will see – there may be assessment capabilities similar to KWIET, because the ELPA 21 assessment will be computerized, not paper/pencil. The more we emphasize the writing process and working on the computer, the better prepared ELLs will be. Cannot answer further questions about assessment until we complete the common standards.

Thank you to Tonya Barns for taking notes during the meeting.

The meeting was recorded. <http://ksde.adobeconnect.com/p6a71uu5z61/>