



## World Language Advisory Group February 3, 215, 4:00-6:30

### MEETING SUMMARY

<u>Members Present:</u>	Stephanie Korn	Wendy Barrett	Ming Lin	Byron Gerard
	Rob McElroy	Diane Cooper-Schick	Oriana LoCicero	Dean Hagin
		Analisa Ficklin	Sonya Morrison	Larisa Shuvalova
		Anne Franzmann	Maria Rodriguez	Sally Unger
		Mark Gardner	Dana Ringler	Kristi Dominguez

Absent: *Mariam Rashid*

#### **Today's Outcomes/Targets:**

- Learn about the current elementary world language programs in our schools.
- Learn about Education First and opportunities for student travel abroad.
- Identify guiding principles for use in developing our recommendations.
- Process all we have learned in our inquiry and begin to identify what we hope for our recommendations.
- Identify sites to visit, questions to ask on site visits, and teams for each site visit.

#### **Welcome, Review Norms, Agenda: Stephanie Korn**

#### **Guiding Principles: Rob McElroy**

Rob McElroy presented a set of beliefs or criteria to help guide our work and asked for input from the group on each principle. They were asked to assign one of these categories to each: delete, add to or combine to each principle. Deeper discussion will take place at the next meeting. The overall feedback from a quick read through was positive.

#### **Elementary World Language Panel Q & A:**

Guests from Alderwood, Birchwood, Happy Valley, Northern Heights and Wade King briefly shared about existing programs in their schools.

#### **Education First / Educational Tours: Justin Kryszan -Washington Regional Manager:**

Education First (EF) is a privately-held company with 15 divisions that offer a range of educational programs from language training, educational travel, and academic degrees to cultural exchanges. With a mission to open the world through education, EF has helped people of all ages and nationalities become citizens of the world.

EF operates 500 schools and offices in over 52 countries. EF's global network includes 16,000 full time office staff, 5,000 full time faculty and 16,000 part time teachers, leaders and tour directors. To date, EF has helped over 15 million people to learn a new language, discover the world, or earn an academic degree. He told the group that "Education First" is more than their company name. It is their corporate passion.

*“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.” - William Arthur Ward*

**Processing what we have learned: Stephanie Korn**

**Guiding Questions:**

- What have we learned about this area of work related to World Language programs and our charge as a committee?
- What do we already have in place as a promising practice that fits with our emerging guiding principles?
- What new perspectives did you gain? What should we consider as part of our recommendations?
- What other questions about this topic arose and how can we pursue these questions further?

**Small Group Processing:**

Time was spent in small group’s processing what we currently ‘have in place’ and what ‘ought to be in place’ surrounding these headings:

- Staffing
- Methodology and Models
- Community Partnerships
- International Travel Opportunities
- Heritage Speakers
- Proficiency Expectations/Goals

**Site Visits: Stephanie Korn**

**Additional Meetings:**

Agreed for the need to extend the original time frame with additional meeting dates to be discussed and set at the February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Final Thoughts:**

Request for computers to work with at the next meeting

**Next Meeting: February 17, 2015, 4:00-6:30**