



CTEL Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

August 8

Members present: Dr. Jin-Suk Byun (chair), Dr. Ken Kelch, Dr. Shirley Baker, Dr. James Perren, Rachel Scherba, Michael Chavez, Rebecca Sapien-Melchor, Yuki Yamamoto, Tony Serafin

Introduction and Welcome – Dr. Kelch

Attendee introductions – Dr. Byun

Topic 1: ELL needs in California education system – all

- Discussion of the different student populations served by the members
- Input on how ELLs academic needs are met (e.g., AVID courses)
- Sharing on the manner by which students at the various sites are classified as ELLs and directed into specialized instruction
- Discussion of the need for vertical collaboration

Topic 2: Parental involvement

- Discussion of current research on ELL parent involvement and successful institution models
- School site ELL parent advisory boards
- ESL class model in which parents are invited to join
- Lack of communication with parents in some schools
- Formation of a "parent institute" to help them learn how to help their children get ready for college
- Establishment of ELL advocate to assist parents

Topic 3: ELLs and Common Core

- Common Core training for teachers so that test scores can be raised
- For ELLs, content is not the problem as much as articulating their knowledge is
- Focus on prior knowledge and higher order thinking

Topic 4: Relationship building between K-12 and TESOL professionals

- K-12 teachers would like more online resources
- In-service training is usually already provided by outside vendors
- Would be interested in training webinars
- May be helpful to have teacher trainers spend time at K-12 school sites