

CDC Committee on English Language Education 2003-2004
Gist of the Fourth Meeting

Date: 3 June 2004

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Venue: Room 1023B, 10th Floor Wu Chung House, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

1. Welcoming New Members and a Vote of Thanks

- The Committee welcomed Mr CHEUNG Kim-shing and Mrs Goretta HO as new members of the Committee.
- The Committee also extended their thanks to Mr Derek TOO and Ms CHAN Wai-ming for their contribution to the Committee.

2. Confirmation of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2004 were confirmed without any amendments.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- The Secretary referred members to items no. 3 and no. 5 and reported that revisions had been made to the “Revised draft consultation documents for English Language (Senior Secondary) and Literature in English (Senior Secondary) based on the comments and suggestions from members of the various CDC Committees.
- Members were talked through the revisions that had been made to the “Revised draft consultation documents for English (Senior Secondary)”.
- Members were informed that minor revisions had also been made to the “Revised draft consultation document for Literature in English (Senior Secondary)”.
- Members were requested to review the two revised draft documents and to send in the Reply Slip indicating whether they endorse the documents in principle and providing any further comments and suggestions they may have.

4. Discussion of the Revised Draft English Language (Primary 1 – 6) Curriculum Guide

- A summary of the report on the Second Consultation Exercise for the Draft English Language Curriculum Guide (Primary 1 – 6) was presented.
- The feedback collected on the Draft English Language Curriculum Guide during the Second Consultation fell into the following areas:
 - Coverage of the Curriculum Guide;
 - Usefulness of the exemplar lesson plans;
 - Usefulness of the suggestions and guidelines provided in the Draft Guide;
 - Adequacy of supporting resources; and

- Suggestions on professional development programmes
- Mrs Rosana CHONG reported the major revisions made in the “Revised Draft English Language Curriculum Guide (Primary 1 – 6) (as at 28 May 2004).

5. Discussion of Matters Related to the Development of the 2007 Standards-referenced CE English Language Examination

- Mrs Christina Lee informed members that a preliminary consultation session on the 2007 Standards-referenced (SR) CE English Language Examination would take place at Academic Community Hall, Baptist University of Hong Kong on 8th July, 2004.
- The proposed changes in the format of the 2007 SR CE English Language Examination were explained. Clarification was made on the following two issues:
 - The oral assessment task used in the public examination would bear no relationship to the oral assessment tasks used in School-based Assessment (SBA).
 - Private candidates would not undertake SBA and their subject grades would be derived entirely from their performance in the three public examination papers.
- The following matters regarding the piloting of the sample papers were reported:
 - The performance of the students who completed both Paper 1 and Paper 2 in the pilot test would be compared with their performance in the 2004 HKCE English Language Examination.
 - Paper 3 was scheduled to be piloted in July 2004.
- Members voiced concerns over the use of students’ public oral examination performance to moderate their results. It was argued that despite the short duration of the oral public examination, it would be necessary to ensure reliability of SBA by means of statistical moderation.
- On provisions for candidates with special needs in the SBA, it was explained that special time allowance would be given to this group of candidates and they would benefit from assessment by their own teachers rather than by an unknown external examiner.

6. A.O.B.

Members were invited to attend the meeting of the CDC-HKEAA Committee on English Language (Senior Secondary) on 24 June 2004 where they would meet with representatives from the National Foundation of Educational Research (NFER) to discuss the draft grade descriptors for the 2007 SR CE English Language Examination.

