

CDC Committee on English Language Education 2015 - 2017
Gist of the Fourth Meeting

Date: 21 April 2017

Time: 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Venue: E304, 3/F, East Block, Education Bureau Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong

1. Opening remarks

- The Chairperson extended his welcome to Mr WAI Wai-yeung, Wilfred, English Panel Chairperson of Ng Wah Catholic Secondary School, as a member (Teacher Category) of the CDCC on ELE.

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the third meeting of the CDCC on ELE (2015-17) held on 19 September 2016

- The minutes of the third meeting of the CDCC on ELE (2015-17) were confirmed with some amendments on Items 3 and 4.

3. Matters arising from the meeting minutes

- There were no matters arising from the meeting minutes.

4. Report and discussion on the updated English Language Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide

- The further updates in the English Language Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide (ELE KLACG) based on members' suggestions in the third meeting of the CDCC on ELE were presented.
- It was explained that the Four Key Tasks, which had been promoted since 2001, would be renewed as follows:
 - Reading to Learn: Towards Reading across the Curriculum
 - Moral and Civic Education: Towards Values Education
 - IT for Interactive Learning: Towards Self-directed Learning
 - Project Learning: Towards Integrating and Applying Knowledge and Skills across Disciplines
- The Major Renewed Emphases (MRE) at the Junior Secondary Level and beyond as promoted in the Secondary Education Curriculum Guide (SECG) were introduced:
 - Strengthening values education (including moral and civic education and Basic Law education)
 - Extending “Reading to Learn” to “Language across the Curriculum”
 - Promoting STEM education and ITE
 - Fostering an entrepreneurial spirit
 - Diversifying life-wide learning experiences
 - Stepping up gifted education
 - Reinforcing the learning of Chinese history and Chinese culture

- Enhancing the teaching of Chinese as a second language

It was explained that most of the MRE, except the one on enhancing the teaching of Chinese as a second language, mapped well with the major updates of the ELE KLACG and had been incorporated in the curriculum guide.

- The latest diagrammatic representation of the Hong Kong School Curriculum and the major features such as the MRE, the renewed Four Key Tasks, values and attitudes and generic skills were introduced to members.
- The dissemination plan of the updated ELE KLACG was presented. Members were invited to the briefing sessions on “Ongoing Renewal of the School Curriculum: Updating of the English Language Education KLA Curriculum Guide” (2017) to be conducted on 23, 26 and 31 May.
- Members were briefed on the professional development programmes planned to be conducted in the 2017/18 school year to support teachers in the implementation of the major updates in the ELE KLACG. It was also explained to members that a junior secondary supplement to the ELE KLACG would be developed with the phasing out of the English Language Syllabus S1 – S5 (1999).
- Members’ observations and views on the briefing sessions were noted.

5. Feedback on the 2017 HKDSE English Language Examination Papers

- An overview of the 2017 HKDSE English Language Examination Papers, namely Paper 1 (Reading), Paper 2 (Writing) and Paper 3 (Listening and Integrated Skills), was presented.
- Members’ observations and views on the design and level of difficulty of the examination papers were noted.

6. A.O.B.

- Members were briefed on the proposed changes in the curriculum and assessment in Literature in English and English Language to better cater for learner diversity. These proposed changes would be put forward for stakeholders’ consideration in due course. Members’ observations and views on the proposed changes were noted.
- Members were briefed on the assessment literacy workshops at the primary level to be conducted in May, June and July 2017.
- Members were also informed of the 2017 World Book Day Fest and invited to the event.
- There being no other business, the meeting ended at 6:00 p.m.