

CDC Committee on English Language Education 2017 – 2019
Gist of the First Meeting

Date: 25 October 2017

Time: 4:30 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.

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

1. Terms of reference, roles and functions of the CDC Committee on English Language Education

- The Secretary welcomed all the members to the first meeting of the CDC Committee (CDCC) on English Language Education (ELE) 2017 – 2019 and introduced the members.
- The Secretary explained the terms of reference, roles and functions of the CDCC on ELE. Members' attention was specifically drawn to issues related to the term of office and eligibility, quorum and decision making of meetings, confidentiality, publicity and declaration of interests at meetings.

2. Election of Chairperson (2017 – 2019)

- Dr Anson YANG was elected Chairperson of the CDCC on ELE 2017 – 2019.

3. Confirmation of the minutes of the fourth meeting of the CDCC on ELE (2015 – 2017) held on 21 April 2017

- The minutes of the fourth meeting of the CDCC on ELE (2015 – 2017) were confirmed without any amendments.

4. Matters arising from the last meeting

- In response to members' suggestion, invitation was extended to tertiary institutions offering teacher training programmes for the professional exchange session on the updated English Language Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide (ELE KLACG) scheduled for early August 2017. Academics from different universities attended the session. The major updates were discussed and clarification on issues was made. Observations of the current teaching practices and concerns were also shared.
- The school questionnaire survey planned to collect views on the proposed changes in the design of Paper 2 (Writing) in the HKDSE English Language Examination would be put on hold since the in-depth reviews on eight key areas of education including curriculum arrangement, as announced in the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address, might have an impact on the senior secondary curriculum.

5. Report and discussion on the performance of candidates in English Language and Literature in English in the 2017 HKDSE Examination

- Members were briefed on the various aspects of candidates' performance in English Language and Literature in English in the 2017 HKDSE Examination.
- Members' observations and views were noted.

6. Report and discussion on the support measures for the implementation of the English Language Education Key Learning Area Curriculum Guide (Primary 1 – Secondary 6) 2017

- Members were briefed on the development of curriculum documents and resources in support of the implementation of the ELE KLACG (P1-S6) 2017.
- Members were informed that networking activities on the themes of e-learning and catering for learning diversity and professional development programmes, which were related to the major updates of the ELE KLACG, would be conducted in the 2017/18 school year.
- Members' observations and views were noted.

7. A.O.B.

- The resource packages on “Using Storytelling to Develop Students’ Literacy Skills and Positive Values” and “Exploring Text Types at the Secondary Level” were distributed to members.
- There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:40 p.m.