



RED CLAY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Marbrook Workgroup

January 30, 2024

Meeting Attendees

Tawanda Bond, Erin NeCastro, Kecia Nesmith, Carol Beck, Deborah Shepherd, Ana Giordani Richter, Maya Aldas, Sandra Ludlum, Shayona Curry, Diane Kennedy, Sara Edler, Rebecca Mainzer, Christine Paoli, Carolina Rasmussen, Jenny Howard, Hadrian Cissell, Irene Hernandez, Chadeia Buycks, Laura Mackiewicz, Erin Chilcoat

Agenda and Minutes

Welcome & Introductions

- Introductions of meeting participants

Purpose of the Workgroup

- The goal of the school-level workgroup will be to engage Marbrook stakeholders in evaluating the Marbrook Spanish Immersion programs structure with a focus on bilingualism. The workgroup will identify areas of improvement to develop a plan for sustainability of the Marbrook Immersion Program that includes academic success for all Marbrook learners.
- Immersion program is staying at Marbrook
- We will divide up in sub-committees (smaller groups) to work on sustaining and strengthening the program with a focus on bilingualism while supporting all students

Community Building/Meeting Norms & Logistics

- All agendas will be sent prior to meetings
- The meeting minutes will be sent to members for approval
- The slide deck and minutes will be in both English and Spanish, along with the presentation
- The minutes and presentation will be posted on website
- Community Building- Speed Networking exercise

Marbrook Overview

- Marbrook overviewed was shared
- 432 students at Marbrook
- School has a diverse staff
- School has autism support classrooms



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- K - 5 Spanish immersion program
- School Mission & Vision shared
- School and State Immersion information was shared
- Current program model
 - 2 cohorts with 2 teachers
- Immersion 3rd grade and up get tested on language proficiency and parents get a progress report at the end of the school year.

Updates

- Planning for conversational English sessions for Spanish speaking families
- Partner with Lewis Elementary - Spelling Bee for 4th and 5th graders
- Red Clay website is updated to include information about Immersion

Data Share

- Choice applications - 1/10/24 - deadline (except KN- open to first day of school. Students in grades 1-5 can be accepted into special programs if seats are available and if the student meets the program requirements of a language proficiency assessment at grades 2-5)
- Current choice application data was shared
- Two Choice options at Marbrook: traditional (regular ed) or immersion
- Families who submit paper applications do not get confirmation of receipt but can call the choice office for confirmation or drop off at the choice office.
- The goal is to fill up to 50 seats in KN for Immersion
- Families who submitted a choice application before 1/10/24 have to decide by the school choice deadline in March
- The Choice Office has support to communicate with families in Spanish
- All paper choice applications for choice go to Maya Aldas or directly to the Choice office
- Information and schoolwide data shared around students with disabilities, IEP's and 504's, English learners
- EL- Home language survey done prior to services - 5 questions
- MLL office reviews the data, screens and identifies
- EL- Test consists of speaking, reading, listening, and writing and a yearly language assessment
- Students who transition out of program are monitored

Subcommittee Discussion

- We will work together in smaller groups to produce recommendations
- Build systems for current Marbrook students
- Exit Survey Development, Communication Plan and Awareness, Retention Programs
- Add 4th group- Bilingualism and Support for all Students
- Google committee sign up to come out at end of week



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- Assign yourself to a subcommittee
- Questions and feedback form - qr code to capture feedback
- Minutes and presentation will be on the Marbrook website in English and Spanish

Next meetings

- February 29
- March 26
- May 13