

# BOE Sub-Committee Recommendations for Dual Language Placement

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# Committee Members

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# Meetings

- 1/20/12
- 1/25/12

– Open to public with public comment

# Process of Determining Recommendation

- Criteria to rate school readiness for Dual Language
  - Space
  - Enrollment
  - SES%
  - Location/Transportation
  - Support Staff
  - School Readiness/Culture/Climate
  - Existing Programs
  - Mobility Rate
  - Percentage of walkers/bus riders

# Sites Most Discussed for Recommendation

- Leal
- Thomas Paine
- Prairie

# Leal

## Pros for DL

- SES% (would increase low SES%)
- Support Staff
- School readiness/climate
- Existing Program

## Cons for DL

- Space
- Enrollment

# Thomas Paine

## Pros for DL

- Space
- Enrollment
- SES% (would increase low SES%)

## Cons for DL

- Support Staff
- School Readiness
- Existing Program

# Prairie

## Pros for DL

- Space
- Enrollment
- Existing Programs (WEC)
- Support Staff (WEC)

## Cons for DL

- SES% (would increase low SES%)
- School Readiness



# Survey Data

- Leal Staff
  - 17 (89%) in favor of DL, 2 (11%) not in favor (n=19)
- Thomas Paine
  - 7 (47%) in favor of DL, 8 (53%) not in favor (n=15)
- Prairie
  - 20 (87%) in favor of DL, 3 (13%) not in favor (n=23)

# Survey Data

## Parents of Kindergarten Students

- Are you in favor of DL in your school next year?
- Would you be interested in your child attending DL next year?

- Thomas Paine

6 in favor of DL (55%)

1 not in favor of DL (9%),

4 unsure (36%)

6 interested in DL (55%),

2 not interested in DL (18%),

3 unsure (27%)

(n=11 total respondents)

# Survey Data

## Parents of Kindergarten Students

- Are you in favor of DL in your school next year?
- Would you be interested in your child attending DL next year?
- Prairie:
  - 17 in favor of DL (90%)
  - 1 not in favor of DL (5%)
  - 1 unsure (5%)
  
  - 15 interested in DL (79%)
  - 4 not interested in DL(21%)
  - 0 unsure
  - (n=19 total respondents)

# Survey Data

## Parents of Kindergarten Students

- Are you in favor of DL in your school next year?
- Would you be interested in your child attending DL next year?

- Leal (in English):

15 in favor of DL (80%)

0 not in favor of DL (0%)

4 unsure (20%)

11 interested in DL (55%)

1 not interested (5%)

8 unsure (40%)

(n=20 total respondents)

# Survey Data

Spanish speaking Parents: 40 in favor of DL (100%)

Spanish speaking Parents: 40 interested in DL  
(100%)

Based on parent meeting and signatures  
(n=40 total respondents)

- Spanish speaking parents were surveyed as to which partner school they would prefer:
  - TBD (will have this by Monday)

# Recommendations

- Up to two strands of DL at Leal
- Up to two strands of DL at Prairie or Thomas Paine

# Next Steps

- Once the locations for DL are decided, we will begin the implementation process
- We will put together a plan of implementation for registration into the DL classrooms, program policies, parent/community forums, professional development for staff, site visits to DL programs, etc.
- A Dual Language Advisory Committee will be formed including teachers, administrators, parents, & community members
  - This committee will advise the district and DL programs on professional development, program development, program model, community awareness, parental involvement, mission/vision of program, objectives, etc.