



What Makes for Quality Education for English Learners in the 21st Century?

What Needs To Be Included and What Actions Can We Take:
Lessons Learned from the Past and New ideas for Today

Open Space Report: Seattle

As a convener, we would like you to put together a short report from your group describing the following:

1. Names of group members

Narcita, Dedy, Liwa, Barbara, Paty, Chris, Krishna, Betty, Ever, Geoff, Alyssa, Rachel, Lila, Yen, Yoshiko, Patricia, Isabel, Karen, Jonathan, Wendy, Alma, Susan, Tracy

2. Issue/Topic/Activity

Empowering EL students and families: How do we involve the community, parents, and students in the schools

3. Highlights of Discussion/Recommendations/Next Action Steps

1. Make parents/families feel welcome:

- A welcoming office staff
- School Messenger (robo call)--once set up can send messages to families inviting them to the school for events automatically.
- Have people who speak the languages available in the school

2. Have meetings for parents to help them navigate through the school system and meet other parents.

- Use School Messenger (robo call) to invite and remind parents of the meetings
- Use volunteers for child care as well as presenters at the meetings
- Have meaningful topics to discuss
- Have interpreters to assist with explaining topics
- Invite everyone to a central location
- Have parents get contact information of other people at the meetings who speak the same language to assist them with networking within the community
- Have parents bring a friend to the next meeting
- Get input from parents while they are there either orally or written

- **Students performing for families**
- **Meetings should be held regularly**

Bringing parents together helps preserve the L1.

4. Available Resources

**OSPI--Title 3--requires parent involvement plan
Parent Homework Dictionary--publication**

5. Follow-up requests

Online Resources for elementary math & writing that is in other languages

6. Next steps/Action Items/Recommendations

None were officially made, but many people took these ideas away with them to try at their schools.

7. Please type in this report in one of the laptops and hand in this sheet. Thanks!