ELAAC Agenda, 10/18

7:00-8:30 PM: Syphax Education Center, Rooms 254 / 256

Participants: Cloe Chin, Gaby Rivas, Sarah Cruz, Mike Miller, Carolyn Sheedy, Jenny Fey, Gaby Rivas, Sarah Cruz, Gail Perry, Jamie Gillan, Rasha AlMahroos, Linda Arnsberger, Kate Merrill

I. Introductions (7:00-7:10)

Mike Miller, Chair Kate Merrill, Co-Chair Sarah Cruz, Supervisor, Secondary ELA Gaby Rivas, Supervisor, Elementary ELA Introduction of Committee Members

- II. Secretary (7:10-7:15): Cloe Chin
- **III.** Updates from ELA (7:15-7:40)
- IV. Outlining Our 2023-2024 Recommendations to the School Board (7:40-8:25)

In synthesis, recommendations:

- Look at results from recommendations made last year- support last year's recommendation as we flesh out recommendations. Maybe work with other subject matter advisory committees??
 - Budget considerations? Due by Thanksgiving
 - Support teachers to implement new writing methodology
 - "Writing coaches" as a new position- recommend 2(cross disciplinary) and 2 "Reading coaches".
 Reading coaches are currently very valuable and we want to expand by 2 positions. Suggestion to have 2 separate recommendations or just combine them and include class size reduction 1) two literacy coaches and 2) 3 writing coaches- assist in the creation and implementation of the long term plan for writing instruction.

- We have to focus on providing the training and follow up.
- Figure out how to incorporate Tutor paper.
- Limited teacher training is currently happening in secondary writing.
- Use of state colleges as a resource
 - Ex. <u>ERWC</u> = <u>University of California</u>
 - Thinking maps
- Class size reductions feasible? Imbed in the other recommendations rather than having a separate recommendation.
- Elementary- Use the *CKLA workbook* and use enhanced pages that were created. Integrated reading and writing in one curriculum- *CKLA and Writing Revolution*(Hochman). Still use *Step up to writing*.

*We can submit 1-2 recommendations.

V. Upcoming Meeting with VDOE Staff (8:25-8:30)

The Virginia Department of Education is updating its 2017 Standards of Learning. Mike has a meeting scheduled with Jill Nogueras, K-12 English Coordinator at the VDOE, next Wednesday.

What about the existing SOLs might be changed, especially in support of our recommendations?

Email Mike with suggestions at MHMiller2@fcps.edu.

Rasha is participating in a VDOE SOL standards group. She brought our recommendations from last year and they reviewed other states' standards of learning.