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IISLE@EPSB Updates
Chinese Consortium Meeting
October 31, 2011

1. Enrollment

- Chinese Bilingual: 12 schools, 1920 students
- Chinese Language & Culture: 10 schools, 537 students

2. Partnership Work with Confucius Institute Edmonton

- this work continues to occur (see CIE report)

3. Can-Do Statements for Chinese Language Arts - Grades K-6

Project Phase 3: Elementary Chinese bilingual teachers met for a Can-Do PD Day on October 7 all day. Continued planning for instruction and assessment with the Can-Do statements took place with a focus on reporting. All teachers worked in grade groups.

4. Chinese Bilingual Cluster Meetings

IISLE is offering three meetings for all Chinese bilingual teachers.

Topics address will be:

- Chinese Portfolios and Language Passports
- Shandong Partnerships
- Can-Do Planning, Assessment & Reporting
- Performance Assessment Tasks
- UDL (Universal Design for Learning)
- Technology to Support Language Learning

5. Off to a Good Start

-this popular series was again offered on August 23 & 24 as well as October 25 for new and experienced L2 teachers

-Fu You, our Chinese Language Advisor, as well as numerous Chinese bilingual teachers participated in this PD opportunity

6. Second Language Literacy Series

-two-year series for teachers of bilingual and immersion programs, grades 1 through 6,

-goal is to explore effective literacy practices in a second language classroom that are based on the current research

-planning for instruction is incorporated



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7. Program Alignment Document for Bilingual Programs

- a tool and suggested processes for school administrators, teachers and staff to examine and discuss aspects of their bilingual programs in order to increase program effectiveness, consistency and articulation between schools
- designed to assist educators in development of long-term plans and program vision and assist administrators in aligning their programs with best practices

8. University of Alberta IPT and APT Courses

- IISLE is providing instructors to the University of Alberta to deliver second language pedagogy courses to pre-service second language teachers many of whom are prospective Chinese teachers

9. Second Languages Matter PD Day – February 17, 2012 – Fantasyland Hotel Edmonton

- Mark your calendars for Alberta's largest annual gathering of second language educators!
Register at <http://languages.epsb.ca/en/pd-and-events>