

CDC Committee on English Language Education 2019-21
Gist of the Fifth Meeting

Date: 3 June 2021 (Thursday)

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.

Venue: Online meeting via Zoom

1. To confirm the minutes of the fourth meeting of the CDCC on ELE (2019-21) held on 12 March 2021

- The minutes of the fourth meeting of the CDCC on ELE (2019-21) were confirmed without any amendments.

2. Matters arising from the last meeting

- Members were informed of the latest development of optimising Senior Secondary English Language. EDB Circular Memorandum No. 39/2021 was issued on 1 April 2021 to announce the finalised measures endorsed by the Curriculum Development Council (CDC) and Public Examinations Board (PEB). Two articles on optimisation contributed by members of the CDC-HKEAA Committee on English Language were published in a local newspaper in May 2021 and a promotional video would be launched in July 2021. Upon the endorsement by the CDCC on ELE (2019-2021), the updated *English Language Curriculum and Assessment Guide (S4-6)* (Guide) would be put up to the CDC and PEB for further deliberation and endorsement. The finalised Guide was expected to be uploaded to the EDB website in July 2021.
- Members were updated on the work plan for the 2021-2023 and 2022-2024 cohorts of English-related Applied Learning (ApL) courses. Schools' response to the regular commencement of the Applied Learning (Vocational English) courses was very positive. A new ApL course on Translation Studies would be on offer in the 2022-24 cohort.

3. To discuss the 2021 HKDSE English Language and Literature in English Examination Papers

- Members were briefed on the topics and popularity of questions in the 2021 HKDSE English Language and Literature in English Examinations.
- Views and comments of members of the CDC-HKEAA Committees on English Language and Literature in English regarding the 2021 HKDSE examination papers of both subjects were presented to members. No special comments were raised by members of this Committee.

4. To present and discuss the proposed changes to the *English Language Curriculum and Assessment Guide (S4-6)* in response to the optimisation of senior secondary English Language

- The proposed updates on background information, learning time, catering for learner diversity, integration of compulsory and elective parts, academic use of English, creative use of English, cross-curricular learning through Applied Learning and refinement in the public assessment in the Guide in response to the optimisation of senior secondary English Language were presented and discussed.
- The proposed changes were generally supported by members.

5. To report on the latest support measures provided to schools

- Members were updated on the progress of the campaign “Promoting Positive Values and Attitudes through English Sayings of Wisdom”. The production and dissemination of resource materials for the campaign, including SOWIT Videos (Batch 2), SOWIT Video Resource Kit (Part 2), and the second set of five posters were introduced. Publicity measures for the campaign and updates about the two SOW student competitions were reported. Other support measures for English language teaching, including the development of various print and electronic resources, were introduced.

6. A.O.B.

- As the term of office of the CDCC on ELE (2019 – 2021) would expire by the end of August 2021, a vote of thanks was extended to all the members for their contribution throughout the past two years, in particular, Dr Anson YANG and Ms Veronica YAU, for serving on the committee for six years.
- There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:10 p.m.