

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)  
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## Language Equality and Acquisition for Deaf Kids (LEAD-K) Task Force

Monday, Monday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Minutes –official

The November 5th, 2018 meeting of the Language Equality and Acquisition for Deaf Kids (LEADK) Task Force was called to order at 9:33 A.M. Members present were: Brad Wellons, Margaret Berry, Susannah Boudreaux, Ariel Bumbala, Jay Isch, Shelley Chesney, Christa Foolkes, Fallon Frederick, Winona Gibbs, Dr. Frank Gresham, Bambi Polotzola, Cindy Robillard, Paula Rodriguez, Beth Ann Johnson, Kristy Harrell, Brenda Sharp, Representative Pat Smith, John Veazey, and Jamie Wong

Michael Norman served as a proxy for Rana Otallah.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education was Jamie Wong.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Health was Ariel Bumbala.

Susannah Boudreaux provided an overview of the minutes from the September 17, 2018 meeting. The Task Force response was as follows:

1. On motion of Dr. Gresham, and seconded by Christa Foolkes, the LEAD-K Task Force accepted the minutes from the September 17th meeting.

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Susannah Boudreaux proposed the consideration of an update on the National LEAD K Convention.

2. On motion of Jamie Wong, and seconded by Christa Foolkes, Paula Rodriguez, Melody Sparks and Jay Isch provided an update to the Task Force.

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Susannah Boudreaux led a discussion of tools and resources in addition Ski Hi.

3. On motion of Jamie Wong, and seconded by Brad Wellons , the task force agreed to review additional assessments and tools in advance of the December meeting to be able vote on an additional resource that will be put into our report to go alongside the SKI HI recommendation.

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Susannah Boudreaux led a discussion of Language Milestones.

4. On motion of Brenda Sharp and seconded by Winona Gibbs, the task force agreed that the milestones to be developed are not meant to replace formal assessment of a child's development of language and literacy and may produce different results than the formal assessment conducted as part of the IEP or IFSP process.

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Susannah Boudreaux led a discussion about the LEAD K final report structure.

5. On motion of Fallon Frederick, and seconded by Christa Foolkes, the task force agreed to the proposed report structure.

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6. With no further business to come before the LEAD-K Task Force, the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting of the LEAD-K Task Force was adjourned at 12:07 P.M.