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MAJOR POLICY - Immediate Action (2/3rd vote required)

NONE

MAJOR POLICY – Second Reading

NONE

OTHER ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

NONE

REFERRALS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NONE

MATTERS PENDING

Consultation with Curriculum and Instruction Committee on the Californian's Together liaison's recommendation on ELA/ELD framework.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. The LNG Committee welcomed Ms. Jennifer Baker, CTA Legislative Advocate. She provided an update on legislative matters.

2. The LNG Committee heard presentations on the Local Control Funding Formula and the Local Control Accountability Plan. Discussion of their effects on English Learners and language acquisition programs and the opportunities that exist to provide input and direction on language acquisition programs and services moving forward.

3. The LNG Committee heard LNG Subcommittee reports in the area of legislation, policy, and the development of educational pieces to be provided to CTA members. The policy subcommittee members will be visiting other committees to get their approval to consolidate policy language related to language acquisition.

4. The LNG Committee welcomed Mr. Justo Robles, CTA Instructional Professional Development and Human and Civil Rights manager. Mr. Robles introduced Mr. George Chung, the newest CTA staff person in the Instructional Professional Development Department. Mr. Robles graciously took questions from committee members.

5. The LNG Committee received a report on the overview of the California English Language Development Standards and Proficiency Level Descriptors.

6. The LNG Committee discussed the Smarter Balance Assessments and the potential affects it will have both negatively and positively on teaching and learning.