

KENTUCKY WORLD LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

October 29th Meeting Notes

The Lexington School 9:00 a.m.

- I. **Call to Order-** Lucas Gravitt called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.
- II. **Roll Call and Secretary's Report** Lucas Gravitt, President; Sara Merideth, Past-President; Emmanuel Anama-Green, President-Elect; Tanya Coffey, Treasurer; Lydia Kohler, AATF President; Gloria Newsome, AATSP; Xiaoyan Xie, KACLT; Alfonso De Torres Núñez, KDE; Laura Roche Youngworth, FCPS Representative; Ben McMaine, Regional Rep Liaison; Jennifer Kennedy, NNELL KY Rep; Atsushi Hasegawa, KAJLT; Matthäus Huelse, AATG Rep; Brandi Larkey, KCA Rep; Aggie Manion, Secretary.

Secretary's Report- Lucas Gravitt asked that everyone review the minutes and highlight errors such as name misspellings so that we can make those corrections and publish the September and August minutes. Ben McMaine's name needs to be replaced with Ben Hawkins. Alfonso de Torres Nunez needs an accurate spelling of his last name. Emmanuel Anama-Green motioned to accept the minutes and Sara Merideth seconded the motion. Minutes accepted.
- III. **Treasurer's Report-** We have a current balance of \$7,779.02. The hotel and conference checks have cleared the bank as has our quarterly payment to Ken Hughes our webmaster. Lucas Gravitt has projected income of about \$27,000 still outstanding. Everything is paid and up-to-date including insurance and payment for Ken Hughes. About \$4,000-\$5,000 per week comes in from schools as they get their Purchase Order processes completed. In mid-November, when we have reached 2 months post-conference, those outstanding accounts will accrue late fees. From last year's conference, only 1 person unpaid. Laura Roche inquired about the status of conference funds and reimbursements for herself and Maureen Motsinger. Tanya Coffey assured that she will look into it and Laura Roche will resend the email. Lucas Gravitt inquired about the amount in question and Laura Roche reported it was maximum of \$200.
- IV. **President's Report-** All members attending ACTFL need to get a Kentucky ribbon from Lucas Gravitt to wear in Boston. Lucas Gravitt is unsure of whether the Kentucky party will be Friday or Saturday night. Jacque Van Houten will host in her room and Tom will assist with finances. SCOLT is coming up in March in Orlando. Lots of KWLA members will be attending. Our Teacher of the Year will be unable to travel to SCOLT due to personal reasons but she is in contact about perhaps Skyping in to still be in the running. Ben McMaine was selected as Best of Conference and will be attending SCOLT with his session. Lots of support from our board. Lucas Gravitt needs assistance with reviewing the KWLA website and looking for errors or other updates that need to be made. 501C3 updates are contingent upon changing/revising the bylaws. Our fiscal year is run on a school-year calendar and we voted recently to change that to a calendar year. Lucas has reached out to an attorney friend to assist in completing this process. The taxes

we paid for our hotel reservation fees were substantial and this will help very much. Lucas Gravitt asked Alfonso De Torres Núñez to report on Seal of Biliteracy. Laura Roche began by reporting that Arthur Shue is in Louisville and they have a hashtag created #kysealofbiliteracy. Lisa Garner is moving ahead in her district and everything is positive. Fayette County is sending their email today to start their committee. Evidently, ACTFL has guidelines on the Seal and therefore we now need to ensure we are in alignment with the ACTFL guidelines around the Seal. Alfonso De Torres Núñez reported that there has been success with the response at the State level and also with the Global Citizenship Certificate. Right now we know that the info has been taken to Associate Commissioner and that will be taken to the Commissioner next week. Laura Roche pointed out that the Seal should have been listed as earning schools a +1 if they are working towards offering it. The State has initiated a conversation with the Career and Technology Office as well with positive results. Lucas Gravitt added that the Seal website currently has Kentucky listed as not offering and Lucas Gravitt is working on reaching out to the creators of that website to inform them of our “In Progress” status. Jefferson County also has one school (Apollo) piloting the Seal. Alfonso De Torres Núñez added that he has really pushed with the State level that we need to focus on putting power in the district-level hands before the State takes it into their hands. Sara Merideth added that it would be to the team’s advantage to reach out to private schools who have the parents who are very insistent and will push for the advancement of this initiative. Ben McMaine added that there is an issue of awareness. There are many people who are unaware of this initiative. Laura Roche added that there are lots of individuals and groups working on this initiative but now the time has come to speak to legislators at a legislative meeting. She believes KWLA members should be involved in the Seal STate team. Alfonso De Torres Núñez proposes that a draft be put together before going to those legislators. Lucas Gravitt also reminded the group that we need to be cautious about not being involved legislation as we are trying to gain 501c3 status. Alfonso asked for clarification that as people are having conversations about the push for Seal of Biliteracy, we need to be discrete about not sharing all of the details of what everyone else is currently doing.

VI. Regional Representatives

Region 1	Sarah Loveless	<p>There was a great number of teachers at our first WL Cadre meeting! Many administrators and elementary school teachers were in attendance!</p> <p>There are schools in our region discussing adding the Seal of Biliteracy option for high school graduates.</p> <p>Concerns: There are still many schools (especially elementary) that are concerned about how to incorporate WL into their instruction. They feel ill-equipped because they do not have background in another language.</p>
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Region 2	Lisa Garner	<p>Daviess County middle celebrated Hispanic Heritage month by researching and describing famous Hispanics as part of their unit on describing people.</p> <p>Chinese as well as Spanish is now being taught at Burns Middle School. There is a great deal of interest in the Seal of Bi-literacy. Hancock county has contacted me about this possibility and Daviess County Public schools has been very receptive and work towards implementing the program has begun.</p> <p>I will be meeting with Mary Lasley, Spanishs teacher at Hancock Co. High School on Nov. 7th to work on writing a proposed policy for our schools Site-base committee to recognize the Seal of Bi-literacy.</p> <p>I will present my proposal at the Apollo High School December Site-base meeting.</p>
Region 3	Christine Wilson	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jacob Foushée, a French student from Meade County High School, won third place at the state fair for his Eiffel Tower sculpture that he originally made for the KWLA state showcase. 2. WKU brought a small art troupe called "Amazing China" to Meade County High School. The presentation showcased a variety of Chinese performing arts that included traditional Chinese magic, opera dance performances, and Sichuan Opera Face Changing. 3. The foreign language club at Meade County High school attended a Latin dance performance in Louisville. Students learned about traditional dances such as the salsa, the tango, cumbia etc.
Region 4	Liz Owens	<p>At Beachwood Elementary our two Chinese teachers officially started in October. Boone county has started a curriculum/ collaboration group for all of the elementary teachers this year that has somewhere around 15 teachers. We have our KDE cadre meeting for our region in November. Many of Our schools our on the committee for the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica they will be in February at Connor so we have been working on that.</p>
Region 5	Chris Anama-Green	<p>The Holler Fellows program through KVEC (funded by a Race-to-the-Top grant) is conducting its first year with Spanish teachers from the region. The program</p>

		<p>promotes stronger incorporation of technology in the classroom and fosters global communication opportunities for world languages students through "the Holler," which is a social networking site designed for schools in the KVEC region (open to the world). Several Spanish classrooms in our region (Emmanuel Anama-Green, Gloria Newsome, and Tamara Kunkel) will be live-streamed on the Holler website at least once this school year.</p> <p>KVEC is facilitating world languages and global competency cadres again this year, bringing together world languages teachers as well as teachers and administrators focused on global competency, to share strategies and build capacity.</p> <p>Harlan County has re-activated its chapter of Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, extending invitations to 85 students.</p> <p>Southeast Community and Technical College in Cumberland, KY is hosting an International Arts & Entertainment, Variety Show & Food Festival on October 22nd. The event features an international assortment of art, music, dance, poetry, fashion, and dance.</p>
Region 6	Zenaida Smith	
Region 7	Marie Stevens	<p>Scott County continues to push for world language instruction in our middle schools and elementary schools. One elementary is offering Spanish. At the high school we continue to offer levels 1-3 and AP of German, Japanese, French, and Spanish. Our Japanese students hosted visiting students from Japan as part of the annual exchange. German students will have the opportunity to do a fabulous workshop with German rapper Doppel U, from Jena, Germany. The rapper is on tour in the US next month, and through generous funding from the Zentral für Auslandsschulwesen in Columbus, Scott County has arranged an in school concert and lyric workshop for all German students November 11th. Spanish teachers Laura Prather and Pam Kramer have again coordinated with the Living Arts and Science Center in Lexington to decorate an ofrenda in the Old Episcopal Burying Ground for the Día de los Muertos celebration. Scott County has participated in the event for several years, giving students an opportunity to build language learning through community connections.</p>

		<p>Brittany Baxter reports from Anderson County that they are hosting students visiting from Japan who will stay with their students and staff. They are very proud to announce that they have doubled their advanced lesson student numbers from 2015 to 2016. They also have a large population of students representing the world language group who will be representing a country at KUNA.</p> <p>Chris Barnett reports from Montgomery County: At the high school, students currently have access to either Spanish (levels 1-3, and AP) or French (levels 1-3, and Dual Credit 101-102, with an upcoming potential offer of 201-202) with a focus on communication and performance. Also, each spring semester the high school conducts a school-wide showcase, in which nearly every student in a language course participates to demonstrate both linguistic and cultural competency. Our French students also compete in the regional showcase, and last year even won first place!</p> <p>Our WL/GC program review building representatives are currently serving on a district committee researching best-practice programs and initiatives to begin to build a solid program in the elementary and middle schools. These teachers also participate in our regional WL/GC cadre in an effort to continue professional learning and development in this work to ensure design of a program with access for ALL students from kindergarten through 12th grade, with a focus on proficiency and cultural awareness.</p> <p>While we are still in the planning stage for elementary and middle school languages, we are extremely excited about this work and look forward to where we are heading.”</p>
Fayette Private	Jill Susini	There is nothing outstanding nor any concerns to report.
Fayette Public	Ben McMaine	<p>A few items of interest: Henry Clay HS has instituted a Korean Club, through a grant. And the Consulate came. Paul Laurence Dunbar & Bryan Station HS are transitioning to Standards based grading. Maxwell Spanish Immersion program hosted Nobel Peace Prize winner Kailash Satyarthi in September New FCPS World Language Specialist Laura Roché Youngworth has been busy</p>

		<p>with a variety of initiatives, including the following:</p> <p>PD opportunities for district WL teachers with positive attendance.</p> <p>District WL meetings (open attendance)</p> <p>District WL Lead committee, including representatives from all high, middle, elementary and Spanish Immersion.</p> <p>Plans to design a model elementary curriculum before the end of the school year.</p>
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VII. University Representative-

UK faculty and graduate students are currently making plans for the KWLA Language Festival. We should have a tentative plan by December 1 to share with Lydia Kohler and Agatha Manion. UK is working on a potential STEM and language combined degree as well as an MA in Asian Studies. We are currently searching for a hire in Second Language Acquisition with a focus on Chinese. MCLLC plans to hold our World Language Day on a Friday in late February or early March, pending available space. I will keep you posted. Laura Roche and I plan to do an overhaul of the Outreach Clearinghouse site, once the new webmaster has been named. Now that we have found a new venue on the UK campus, the podcasts are easier to record and editing will once again be provided at no cost. Contacted higher education language chairs about any issues to raise at the meeting.

VIII. Affiliate Organizations

- A. **AATF-** L. Kohler reported that Agatha Manion was named AATF Teacher of the Year for 2016. November 12 will be a PD for French teachers with Tracy Rucker on November 12 at Louisville Collegiate School. Several French teachers are consulting on a short KET television series, similar to Arte y Mas, thanks to funding from KDE.
- B. **AATG-** At the KWLA conference in Louisville in September 2016, John Krueger became the new Ky-Chapter AATG president and Matthäus Hülse, the new Ky-Chapter AATG vice president. On December 3rd, Angelika Becker from Indianapolis will present a workshop concerning Advocacy for German Programs that will be held in Louisville at the Sister Cities Offices. This pd will be paid for with a grant through AATG in order to strengthen German programs across our state. A planned German immersion weekend for students will be held in March 2017. KY-AATG is gathering info from teachers about German business activity in their respective areas. So far we have heard: 1) from Kyle Powell that there is a German factory moving to Franklin, Ky (Western Kentucky) to manufacture Auto Parts and that they want their first crew to be trained in Germany and 2) that Hahn Automation is expanding their facility and investing 3 million dollars in a new plant in Hebron. (Northern Kentucky.) Alfonso De Torres Núñez told Matthäus Hülse that he would speak with him at the end of the meeting about a way to find all of the German companies in Kentucky.
- C. **AATSP-** I had no contact list of members so I'm in the process of obtaining a contact list from AATSP of the membership so I may send out a message introducing myself as new president and to see what news we have from the membership. One of my goals for this year is to introduce some policies that will assist the new officers as to their role and responsibilities when they step into the new office. This will hopefully assist in the transition for the new officers so they can focus on their goals for the new year without worry of starting anew each time.
- D. **KCA-** The KY Junior Classical League is holding their annual Fall Forum at du Pont Manual High School on November 5th. KCA voted to remain with KWLA for the time being. Brandi Larkey of Lexington Catholic High School is the new KCA Vice President and Sheila Vanderhoff of Louisville Male High School is the new KCA Treasurer.
- E. **KAJLT-** We are updating our directory of schools/colleges that have Japanese programs in the state. We are hoping to conduct a survey and collect information about their statuses, needs, and challenges. KAJLT is hosting a Japanese speech contest in the spring (February or March). Volunteers to serve on the organizing committee are being solicited from the members. There is one graduate of the UK MATWL program, and she is seeking a placement in a high school Japanese program. There is a recent graduate of MATWELL program in Japanese looking for a position.

F. **KACLT**- The Chinese teachers came together to put on Fayette County's first Annual Confucius Day celebration Saturday, October 1 at Tates Creek Middle School. Approximately 100 students and parents came to experience Chinese food, crafts, dance and calligraphy in a well-organized and fun-for-all environment. The Confucius Institute at Western Kentucky University will have a Celebration Event of Chinese Peking Opera at Chinese Learning Center on October 28th, 2016, which will be followed by a series of Chinese Cultural Events like Chinese Medication, Spring Festival, Chinese Games, Chinese Art by the end of May, 2017. By the way, UKCI Chinese Learning Center at Helm Library, WKU Helm Library welcomes k-12 students who take Chinese to have a close touch with Chinese culture, which is a great field trip place to go! The WKU Chinese Club will host the second Chinese Voice of WKU singing contest on November 9th. The Chinese program will collaborate with the German program to host a Sino-German Party to share food and music.

G. **NNELL**- November 3rd is the first NNELL Cafe at Garden Springs Elementary at 4:30. We will be having a round table discussion on classroom management in the elementary/middle school World Language classroom. I was able to connect with lots of elementary/middle school teachers this year at KWLA and I'm excited for this year. If you know of any elementary/middle school teachers, please encourage them to sign up for this school year.

H. **JCPS** (ex-officio)- no report

I. **FCPS** (ex-officio)- Fayette is taking the approach to invite private schools to PDs which is enhancing the county.

J. **KDE** (ex-officio)-

Curriculum and Instruction

1. GC-WLs Program Review Program Review Audit Process approved for 2016-17 school year. The proposed changes include:

- i. increasing the number of schools to be audited
- ii. providing a more concise audit team report to schools
- iii. focusing the school report on best next steps for program improvement
- iv. adding a phone/skype meeting with school leadership, which may result in a site visit
- v. and eliminating site visits for the K-3 Program Review. Decisions regarding Program Reviews beyond the current school year will be part of the discussion related to the design of the new accountability system that is currently underway to satisfy the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). More info: <http://education.ky.gov/curriculum/pgmrev/Pages/default.aspx>

2. WLs Career Pathways

Career and Technology Education Office has informed that WLs cannot be a career pathway, nor a career cluster. Perhaps presenting WLs as a necessary skill in all the career pathways?

3. Dual Language Immersion Meeting with Associate Commissioner, Dr. Ellis, to report on the work done in the last 6 months in collaboration with ARCC. Success. Report to be taken to the Commissioner for his review.

Assessment

1. Seal of Biliteracy Initiated preliminary work at KDE: Presented before immediate leadership and support gathered. Information taken to Associate Commissioner and Commissioner for their review.

2. Global Citizenship Certificate In partnership with World Affairs Council of Kentucky and Southern Indiana Professional Learning 1. World Languages Teachers Network 2016-17 100% completed as of 10-28-16 2. Global Competency and World Languages regional cadres 2016-17 First round of meetings for 2016-17 has been a success: +250 teachers served and engaged in learning about GC-WL PR, leadership, advocacy and global competency resources. Two more cadres requested: Jefferson and Henderson Second round on-going

Administrative Support

1. KET WLS Toolkit Exploraciones (Arte y Mas + Animaciones) Awarded by NETA (National Educational Telecommunications Association) as the best instructional media – teacher resource in 2016.

2. New draft version of the basal evaluation tool for World Languages Basal evaluation tools help educators select quality materials that align to state standards for content, organization/presentation, instructional design/assessment and equity/accessibility. The evaluation tools are also part of the documentation requirements of state law for the District Off-List Notification process in the selection and purchase of print or digital basal textbooks or programs. World Languages Basal Evaluation Tool (PDF): <http://education.ky.gov/curriculum/books/Documents/World%20Language%20Eval%202016%20-%20Draft.pdf>

Other topics

1. ESSA and World Languages Critical for World Languages programs ACTFL has already created an advocacy package: <https://www.actfl.org/advocacy/resources/every-student-succeeds-act-essa> U.S. Department of Education has released guidance on Early Learning and providing all students with access to a well-rounded education through ESSA

i. <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/essa/essaelguidance10202016.pdf>

ii. <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/essa/essassaegrantguid10212016.pdf>

Teacher of the Year (ex-officio)- Brenna Byrd is doing well but not present.

IX. Showcase

The Showcase Committee will be submitting a template for having a school showcase prior to the state Showcase to the KWLA website for use across the state. Registration for the State Showcase will be open in early December, to facilitate registration for those schools who anticipate a large number of snow days in January. Lucas Gravitt added that he would like to create a database to keep track of who is hosting school showcases. He would also like to see additional languages become involved in our Showcase. Alfonso De Torres Núñez added that part of the Global Citizenship Certificate, students must attend local and regional and state world language opportunities. Alfonso De Torres Núñez would like to partner with Lydia Kohler to discuss leaving the Showcase with an authentic proficiency score. There needs to be more discussion about the future of a defensible proficiency score. Showcase Committee will meet later to discuss a meeting schedule. Alfonso De Torres Núñez inquired about having connections with sponsors to ease the cost to students of the showcase. He also added that inviting business leaders to the event would add a "Career Fair" tone to the showcase that may increase motivation for both students and stakeholders from the community.

X. Conference Committee-

\$	\$	27,	\$
45,970.00	170.00		19,060.00

- Total conference expenses were: \$37,012.31
- > Hotel rooms and facility \$32,193.98
 - > Speaker \$1500
 - > Swag bags \$91.06
 - > Speaker dinner \$242.04
 - > Trophies \$249.10
 - > Printing \$902.91
 - > Name badges \$57.84
 - > Bags \$868.79
 - > Projectors \$360

Dates are ready for 2018 and 2019 but no contract yet. Pricing and venue should stay the same. Potential 2018 dates are in the same vicinity of this year; mid-September. Conference theme will be discussed at the Winter Workshop. Lucas Gravitt will be getting with Emmanuel Anama-Green to review participant feedback so that presenters can have access to their feedback. Sara Merideth is working on A Member to update the list of KWLA members. Sara Merideth shared that she and Lucas Gravitt discovered at 5 years of working on Conference that it is a large task for the President-Elect to take on. They went in and rewrote the roles:

President (Elected for 2 year term)

- Act as 3rd Chair of Conference Committee
 - Contact with Conference Site
 - Lead Committee to approve session proposals
 - Work with President-Elect to get registration online
 - Run elections for new officers in each election year

President-Elect (Elected for 2 year term)

- Act as Chair of Conference Committee
 - Identify and organize schedule for Conference
 - Create Conference Program
 - Work with President to get registration online

Past President (Serves 2 year term)

- Act as 2nd Chair of Conference Committee
 - Secure and arrange keynote speakers/featured presenters
 - Work with Social Media Liaison to advertise Conference
 - Work with Awards Chair

Emmanuel Anama-Green made the motion to recess and Lydia Kohler seconded the motion at 10:27 a.m. for a 20 minute recess.

XI. Recess for Executive Finance Committee Meeting

XII. **Reconvene Regular Meeting-** Tanya Coffey motioned and Sara Merideth seconded the motion to reconvene at 11:05 a.m.

XIII. Committee Reports

- A. **Advocacy-** no report
- B. **Awards-** no report
- C. **Leadership-** no report
- D. **Membership-** Sara Merideth reported that she is still working on A Member as previously discussed today. She and Lucas Gravitt are working on improving the benefits of being a member of KWLA
- E. **Finance-** We have two proposed budgets today that will be voted on later today. A 2016-17 budget proposal for this school year. This is a June-September budget:

2016-2017 KWLA Budget Final

Revenue

Carry-Over from 2016 First Half Checking – \$3,997.38 Membership Dues - \$3,000.00 Conference Registration - \$47,000.00 Conference Sponsorship - \$1,500.00 Exhibitor Fees - \$1,500.00 Showcase - \$3,000.00 PD Webinars and Workshops – \$2,500.00
Total Revenue: \$62,497.38

Expenses

Conference – \$40,500.00 Showcase – \$3,000.00 Board – \$6,000.00 Assembly of Delegates (ACTFL, SCOLT, LILL) – \$3,300.00 Website/Technology – \$5,200.00 Professional Fees (Insurance and SOS) – \$535.00 Contributions (JNCL and Memorial Donations) – \$1,600.00 PD/Workshop/Webinar – \$1,000.00 Bank Fees – \$150.00 Dues and Subscriptions (ACTFL) – \$250.00 Supplies and Expenses – \$150.00 Printing, Copying and Postage (not Conference) – \$350.00

Total Expenses: \$62,035.00 Total Net: \$462.38

There was clarification about what the \$6,000 Board budget covers. It includes mileage for Board members who travel excessive distances to attend early-morning board meetings, conference hotel rooms, snacks and beverages provided at some Board meetings and Winter Retreat, etc. Ken Hughes will be leaving the webmaster position Dec 31, 2017 and then our fee for webmaster will potentially go down. Looking at the 2017-18 budget, some numbers have been rounded up including an additional \$500 to send the KWLA Past-President to CSCTFL to continue to support Central States. Lydia Kohler requested additional funds for Showcase to cover swag for the swag bags.

F. Professional Development- Laura Roche reported that the next podcast is coming up with professors coming to discuss authentic resources. Sara Merideth will begin her series on core practices. Alfonso De Torres Núñez and Laura Roche have reached out to members who reflected that they want more out of their ACTFL membership than the conference and showcase. Advocacy has been largely inactive the the recent years and members have been asking for support and resources in this field. Laura will create a database that hosts resources for members to use as they are working to advocate for World Languages.

G. **501C3**- Tanya Coffey reported that it is currently on hold until bylaws are reworked. Moving forward but there is no exact timeline. Will cost \$850 to file and then whatever attorney fees are.

H. **Bylaws**- Sara Merideth reported that an ad-hoc committee needs to be formed. We will work to rewrite the bylaws at the Winter Retreat. Lucas Gravitt will write a letter to the membership looking for volunteers who are passionate about bylaws.

XIV. **Old Business**- Lucas Gravitt reported that bylaw revisions will be completed by the end of December. 2016-17 budget needs to be passed. Agatha Manion motioned to approve the budget and Lydia Kohler seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no abstentions. All were in favor. 2016-17 budget final draft passes. Sara Merideth motions that we table the 2017-18 budget until the Winter Retreat and Emmanuel Anama-Green seconded the motion. All were in favor and there was no discussion and no abstentions.

XV. **New Business**- The KWLA swag shop will be available on a website. Potentially there will be a 10% kickback for the Board. It will all be done on-demand. Lots of ideas were shared about how to market the sale of KWLA swag and opportunities to give students as well ways to earn prizes if they come to events in their swag. ESSA is coming and Alfonso De Torres Núñez shared:

ESSA information on KDE website: <http://education.ky.gov/comm/Pages/Every-Student-Succeeds-Act-%28ESSA%29.aspx>

ACTFL and ESSA: <https://www.actfl.org/advocacy/resources/every-student-succeeds-act-essa>

U.S. Department of Education has released guidance on Early Learning and providing all students with access to a well-rounded education through ESSA

- <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/essa/essaelguidance10202016.pdf>
- <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/essa/essassaegrantguid10212016.pdf>

In November there will be public feedback about the public accountability system about ESSA. In January, it will come before the Board of Education. If KWLA does not show up to advocate for this, the next 8 years, we will be in whatever position we are due to our action or lack of action. Alfonso De Torres Núñez recommends that KWLA be present before the Kentucky Board of Education with prior approval to appear. Emmanuel Anama-Green asked for some suggestions about what KWLA would mention before the board. Title 4 is a unique category of money that can assist with rural counties or specific scenarios. However, ESSA is making it appear that Title 4 will be available for all World Language students. It will be up to districts to request funds from Title 4 to expand their World Language programs. The funding will be first-come, first-served. Lucas Gravitt will be working on creating a portion of our website dedicated to announcing our organization's stance on certain topics such as computer programming, and ESSA, etc. Ben McMaine wanted to ensure that we would not be placing our 501c3 status in jeopardy by engaging in this advocacy initiative. The suggestion was made by Laura Roche that we use the term "disseminate information" in lieu of "advocacy" to protect our 501c3 status work.

XVI. **Upcoming Events.**

A. Board Meetings for the year: 11/17-11/20 ACTFL, Boston, MA; 1/7-8/17 Winter Full Board Retreat (With Regional Reps), TLS; 3/4/17 Board Meeting, TBD; 3/25/17 Showcase, Full Board, UKY; 5/13/17 Board Meeting, TLS

XVII. **Adjournment-** Jennifer Kennedy motioned to adjourn and Matthäus Huelse seconded the motion to adjourn at 12:02 p.m.