

**IISLE@EPSB Update
Chinese Consortium Meeting
October 21, 2013**

1. Enrolment

- Chinese Bilingual: 12 schools – 1836 students
- Chinese Language & Culture: 10 schools (no updated numbers available yet)

2. Partnership Work with Confucius Institute Edmonton

- this work continues (see CIE report)

3. Chinese Resources for Teaching Math

With assistance from Wei Li and Vivian Chau, IISLE has chosen and ordered many new Chinese resources for the teaching of math. These resources will be arriving soon.

4. Chinese Technologies Self-Guided Tours

IISLE has created a collection of technologies suitable for Chinese classrooms which support Chinese characters. These are in the form of Self-Guided Tours for teachers to explore.

5. IISLE Website – Chinese Expansion

The Chinese section of our website (languages.epsb.ca) has been updated and expanded.

It includes the following sections:

- Why learn Chinese?
- Chinese Programs
- Scholarships and Bursaries
- Credentialing
- Partners
- Helpful Links

6. Bilingual Program Share Site

Teachers in the District have access on this site to numerous resources for Chinese Bilingual programming. These include Chinese math resources, Chinese Performance Assessment Tasks, Chinese Can-Do materials, Chinese Language Arts learning and teaching resources, materials and information for principals and parents.

7. Literacy Foundations for Bilingual & French Immersion Programs

In this 8-session series, participants develop foundational skills and knowledge to effectively support literacy development in a range of diverse students. This series will approach literacy with a focus on the outcomes of the ELA curriculum, subject area curricula, and the Chinese Language Arts curriculum.

8. In-service: Math in the Chinese Bilingual Program – Grade 2

Last June, IISLE hosted all Chinese Bilingual Program Grade 2 teachers for a one day in-service to prepare for next year's math instruction. The following topics were addressed:

- Using the resources to their full potential
- Preparing students for PATs
- Dealing with text and vocabulary
- Problem solving
- Communicating with parents
- Homework
- Organizing for instruction
- Assessment
- Collaborating with colleagues
- Planning for next year

This session will be offered in the spring for grade 3 teachers.

9. Off to a Good Start

This popular series was again offered on August 26 & 27 for new and experienced L2 teachers in and out of district. Chinese language teachers attended. The next sessions will be offered February 25 & 26.

10. Second Languages Matter PD Day – February 14, 2014 – Fantasyland Hotel Edmonton

Mark your calendars for Alberta's largest annual gathering of second language educators! Register at <http://languages.epsb.ca> and go to *PD and Events* Sessions for Chinese teachers will be offered.