

LD Test Selection Committee

Minutes of Meeting of 11/19/09  
(Corrected & Approved 12/17/09)

Present: Vickey Carlson, Janet Gibbs, Phil Fast, Mary Griffin, Pam Plant, Tony Loveless, Dick Baer

Minutes

Minutes of the September and October meetings were corrected and approved. They are now ready to be posted on the webpage.

Virus

Dick reported there was a virus on his copy of the software accompanying Essentials of Cross Battery Assessment. Janet lent him her copy to see if it is clean.

Wechsler Individual Achievement Test – Third Edition (WIAT-III)

Tony continued his review of the WIAT-III begun at the October meeting.

Tony moved and Pam seconded that the WIAT-III Essay Composition Standard Score be approved as a measure of written expression for ages 8:0 – 19:11. The motion failed (2/3).

Tony moved and Pam seconded that the WIAT-III Essay Composition: Grammar and Mechanics Standard Score be approved as a measure of written expression for ages 8:0 – 19:11. The motion failed (0/5).

There was consensus that the Pseudoword Decoding subtest was too narrow to be considered a measure of basic reading skills.

Mary moved and Phil seconded that the WIAT-III Numeric Operations Standard Score be approved as a measure of Mathematics Calculation for ages 5:0 – 19:11. The motion passed (5/0).

Tony moved and Mary seconded that the WIAT-III Oral Expression Standard Score be approved as a measure of oral expression for ages 4:0 – 19:11. The motion passed (4/0).

Mary moved and Phil seconded that the WIAT-III Oral Reading Fluency Standard Score be approved as a measure of reading fluency for ages 6:0 – 19:11. The motion passed (5/0).

Mary moved and Phil seconded that the WIAT-III Oral Reading Accuracy Standard Score be approved as a measure of basic reading skills for ages 6:0 – 19:11. The motion passed (3/1).

Tony moved and Vickey seconded that the WIAT-III Oral Reading Rate Standard Score be approved as a measure of reading fluency for ages 6:0 – 19:11. The motion failed 0/3/1.

Tony moved and Mary seconded that the WIAT-III Spelling Standard Score be approved as a measure of written expression for ages 5:0 – 19:11. The motion failed because the subtest was considered too narrow (0/4).

Phil moved and Tony seconded that the WIAT-III Math Fluency – Addition , Math Fluency – Subtraction, and Math Fluency – Multiplication Standard Scores be approved as measures of mathematics calculation for ages 6:0 – 19:11. The motion failed.

Tony moved and Vickey seconded that the WIAT-III Oral Language Composite Standard Score be approved as a measure of oral expression for ages 4:0 – 19:11. The motion failed because the composite score incorporates a listening comprehension subtest (0/3/1).

Tony moved and Vickey seconded that the WIAT-III Total Reading Composite Standard Score be approved as a measure of basic reading skills for ages 6:0 – 19:11. The motion failed because the composite score incorporates fluency and comprehension components (0/4).

Tony moved and Phil seconded that the WIAT-III Basic Reading Composite Standard Score be approved as a measure of basic reading skills for ages 6:0 – 19:11. The motion passed (4/0).

There was consensus that the WIAT-III Reading Comprehension and Fluency Composite Standard Score not be approved as measure of reading comprehension or reading fluency because it obviously confounds the two concepts.

Phil moved and Vickey seconded that the WIAT-III Written Expression Composite Standard Score be approved as a measure of written expression for ages 6:0 – 19:11. The motion passed (5/0). It was noted that the score included only one subtest for 5 year olds which was considered too narrow a measure.

Mary moved and Phil seconded that the WIAT-III Mathematics Composite Standard Score be approved as a measure of mathematics calculation and mathematics problem solving for ages 5:0 – 19:11. The motion failed because the composite score combines problem solving and calculation components (0/5).

Tony moved and Phil seconded that the WIAT-III Math Fluency Composite Standard Score be approved as a measure of mathematics calculation for ages 6:0 – 19:11. The motion passed (4/0).

#### Pictorial Test of Intelligence: Second Edition (PTI-2)

Mary reviewed the PTI-2. The focus of the test is on measuring “g.” The test was standardized on 970 children, ages 3 – 8, from 15 states. There were 100+ subjects at each age level. Alpha coefficients for the Pictorial Intelligence Quotient (PIQ) ranged from .92 to .95.

Tony moved and Mary seconded that the PTI-2 Pictorial Intelligence Quotient PIQ be approved as a measure of aptitude for ages 3:0 – 8:11. The motion passed (5/0).

#### New Members

Phil nominated Melissa Post, Davis district teacher, to the committee.

Tony moved and Mary seconded that Melissa Post be invited to join the committee. The motion passed (5/0). Janet will extend the invitation.

#### Webpage Justification

Phil suggested that information on the webpage be center justified. However, the rest of the committee felt left justification was fine.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2009.