

## LD Test Selection Committee

Minutes of Meeting of December 17, 2009  
(Corrected & Approved 1/20/10)

Present: Janet Gibbs, Vickey Carlson, Melissa Post, Pam Plant, Mary Griffin,  
Fulvia Franco, Tony Loveless, Dick Baer

### New Member

Melissa Post, Davis District teacher leader, joined the committee. Welcome Melissa.

### Bateria Question

Dick had an email from a bilingual school psychologist wanting to know why the Bateria is not included in the Estimator program. The test was not approved because its norms are so poor that they are probably not representative of any group. Discussion of alternative Spanish achievement tests that might be used included the CELF-4 Spanish. It includes approved measures of oral expression and listening comprehension. A call to the psychologist making the inquiry revealed she was looking for reading and math achievement measures. Unfortunately, there are none that meet committee standards. Given the circumstances, the best that can be done is to consider the other data available on the student and make the best decision possible.

Janet noted that the National Center for Culturally Responsive Educational Systems might be interested in supporting standardization of a Spanish achievement test. Their web address is [ncest.org](http://ncest.org).

### Virus

The computer program accompanying Essentials of Cross Battery Assessment has a virus on it according to McAfee. If you try to open the ReadMe file McAfee sends a message about the virus and won't let you open it. Dick contacted the publisher, Wiley, and was told there really isn't a virus. McAfee is interpreting something incorrectly. Wiley suggested disabling McAfee, then opening the ReadMe file. Alternatively, they emailed the ReadMe file to Dick who forwarded it to the committee.

### Minutes

Minutes of the April and November 2009 meetings were corrected and are ready for posting on the webpage.

### WIAT-III Word Reading

Pam moved and Fulvia seconded that the WIAT-III Word Reading subtest standard score be approved as a measure of basic reading skills for ages 6:0 – 19:11. The motion failed (0/6).

### Test to Review

Vickey suggested a number of tests that might be reviewed. The committee settled on two:

- Preschool Language Assessment Instrument: Second Edition
- Test of Problem Solving: Third Edition.

Both are published by Linguistics.

### PTI-2

The PTI-2 was recently approved. However, it was previously placed on the reviewed and not approved list on the webpage. Brad will be asked to make the appropriate correction.

### Resources

Janet noted she has materials developed by Nancy Mather on SLD interventions she will share with the committee. Also, she will share materials developed by LRP Conference Real World Legal Issues on RTI Implementation.

### Nancy Adams, Worlds Greatest Helper

Nancy, as always, helped us with the computer and video equipment and served us lunch including thoughtful extra touches like getting us cups of ice. This prompted recognition that she has always cheerfully gone out of her way to help the committee in any way she can. Nancy, thank you, thank you, thank you. You're the best!

### Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2010.