

# French Advisory Council (FAC)

## Minutes/Notes

Monday November 22, 2021

Zoom web conference - 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. <https://sd69-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/3875132349>

**Attendance and Updates to Committee as below:** Committee Structure: District Senior Leadership Team/Language Program Lead, **Rudy Terpstra**; Board of Education, **Trustee Young**; Principal/Vice Principal of Immersion schools, **Brayden Gordon (EOES)** (not in attendance) and **Ben Braun (EBSS)**; Immersion Teachers: Primary Amy Grainger (to be ratified by MATA), Intermediate – **Angela Dodd**, Secondary – **Francois Provencher** (MATA ratification in process); Parents: CPF **Angel Delange**, DPAC **Andrea Button** school PAC **Julie ???** and **Natalie ???**

Attendees:

- 1) Territorial Acknowledgement – Read by Ben.
- 2) FAC Mandate: French Advisory Council - provides advice, recommendations and feedback to senior staff on matters relating to French language programs in the District. Slide presentation.
  - Presented by Rudy (see ppt. attachment)
- 3) School Updates
  - a) École Oceanside Elementary:
    - It was mentioned that we have several itinerant teachers offering programs in French: Aleks Tremblay Music, Devon McLeay Library, Samantha Stagg Art, Simin Rupa PE, Amber Van Der Mark ADST.
    - Angela Dodd has a new role at the school, assisting Brayden Gordon, VP and French Coordinator at EOES. This new role includes supporting Immersion teachers with researching and ordering resources, lesson planning, chairing monthly FI meetings and encouraging teacher professional development. The time allotted for this new role is two afternoons and one full day a month.
    - Michael Wong, a new Grade 1/2 Immersion teacher to the district, submitted some images for us to share with the committee of students' learning. Students had completed collages of images on iPads to represent their vision of school in the future.
  - b) École Secondaire Ballenas Secondary – Most of the French is repeated in English below:
    - Nouvel horaire a l'école pour tous les élèves.
    - Bonne transition des élèves de 8iemes années en general
    - Debut des classes d'anglais la semaine passe après que l'Education Physique soit complete.
    - Les bulletins sortent ce vendredi

- Stagiaire dans la classe de 8-10 et 12 année pour deux semaines.
- Examen du Ministère pour les élèves de 12 années en janvier prochain.
- Nouvelle enseignante pour les sciences et maths. Elle enseigne un bloc pour l'immersion benUne demande.
- Grade 8's doing ready/do/done in your classroom. This is very positive for being inclusive of all learners, and helping them understand
- Students will be writing provincial French Assessment, practice tests will be done in class January
- Positive feedback: French Imm elementary students speaking French at Ballenas bus stop. Excited to attend Ballenas for secondary
- Ines – Language Assistant from the Odyssey Program. Language games, great dialogue opportunities for students. students engaged
- Students attending Flex Immersion classes
- Department Meeting. Ballenas teachers want to strengthen immersion program
- New Fr. Imm teacher - Melissa Gravel. Fluent in French. fitting in great.
- Question regarding the DELF assessment was asked and answered that it is a Language Proficiency Test used all over the world and available in Nanaimo and UVIC (possibly).

c) Odyssey: Language Assistant – Ines Mentec

- Ines is currently working with primary classes during her time at EOES. She is working with small groups to develop oral French speaking and comprehension skills. She is also working on reading skills. She will be working with a new group of learners and teachers starting in January. She will also be part of any cultural events at the school. See above for involvement at Ballenas one day per week.

d) Professional Development:

- Professional Development - Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> The Immersion staff worked together on a French Language Arts Learning Progression from K to 7. The Primary teachers worked on sound families and the Intermediate teachers worked on a writing continuum.
- Francois Provencher and Angela Dodd attended the provincial Modern Languages conference in October and will be attending the national conference for Immersion teachers coming up in December. Both are virtual. Francois is also attending the Francois Provencher and Angela Dodd attended the provincial Modern Languages conference in October and will be attending the national conference for Immersion teachers coming up in December. Both are virtual.

4) District Update

- a) Immersion Enrolment Report – see ppt. attachment.
- Numbers are stable with a slight increase at elementary.
  - Grade 8 and 9 transition numbers are strong and both cohorts are full.
  - See grade by grade breakdown below:

Grade KF:	45
Grade 01:	44
Grade 02:	44
Grade 03:	55
Grade 04:	52
Grade 05:	46
Grade 06:	35
Grade 07:	30
Grade 08:	29
Grade 09:	29
Grade 10:	18
Grade 11:	12
Grade 12:	15 + 1 taking FLCF-11

- b) District Facilities Review – note that the district is in the process of a Facilities Topics to be reviewed include “Oceanside Elementary French Immersion” among many other topics.
  - c) Budget – Federal Funding – see attached documents “Federal Funding – School District” for amounts and “French Funding Guide” for how monies can be spent. (both public documents).
- 5) New Initiatives/Focus for the year
- a) Transition from Elementary to Secondary – from last year.
    - This continues to be a focus and school staff reported improving results for transitioning grade 8’s.
  - b) Website for teacher sharing.
    - Francois Provencher and Angela Dodd, as new MATA co-chair for Teachers working in French, have started a Google Classroom for Immersion teachers from K to 12 to access pro-d information, resources and any current information that can support their teaching practices.
    - At this time, the link to the French program webpage on our SD69 website was mentioned. The intention of this page is to inform parents about the French program offered in the

District. There is a link to the CPF (Canadian Parents for French) website which also offers support for Immersion families and students.

- c) It was agreed that another initiative for this year would be to create a PATH Planning Alternatives Through Hope – this is a visioning and planning process. Rudy will work on coordinating this and include students. More to come.
- 6) Next FAC meetings: Early New Year and Spring dates. Rudy to send out calendar invites and add to district calendar.
- Monday February 28, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.
  - Monday April 28, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.
- 7) Adjourn.