



## SCHOOL DISTRICT No.69 (QUALICUM)

### **French Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

Monday, November 25, 2019  
EOES Library 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: : Greer Cummings, Angela Dodd, Andrea Button, Debbie Comer, Elaine Young, Vivian Collyer, Rudy Terpstra, Gaynor Charnock

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Territorial Acknowledgement
- 3) Adoption of the Agenda
- 4) Adoption of Minutes from Oct. 7, 2019
- 5) Budget overview:
  - Federal protocol (Official Languages in Education Protocol – OLEP) development update from Greer; still in progress; promise to increase grant funding by 20% but not ratified by all provinces yet
  - District's French programs funding allocation is the same as last year - \$101,323
    - Learning assistance portion goes to staffing at Ballenas
    - 0.4 FTE staffing comes from budget toward Gaynor's and Vivian's positions for program coordination
  - Budget needs discussions are happening in both Immersion schools and in the Core French programs across the district.
- 6) School Updates:
  - a) École Ballenas:
    - Aquarium bilingual mini lab being brought to the District
    - Oral competency Pro D organised by François at BSS with resources and a continuum to be shared with both Immersion staffs
    - Concours feedback for high school - most students are not interested but any student who would like to participate will be supported. CPF has been thinking about how to modernise the Concours, based on feedback received, to better engage secondary students.
  - b) École Oceanside:
    - Circus event is returning this year on Feb. 21, and then on the 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>; final performance will be on Friday, the 25<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon

- Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, learning lunch for Immersion teachers with Gaynor; focus on inclusion for second language learners
- Early Immersion Info night for parents will be in January and Kindergarten registration is in February
- Concours is scheduled for April 7
- Ici on parle français is scheduled for May 7
- Welcome to Kindergarten is slated for May 13

7) District Updates:

- a) Territorial Acknowledgement has been translated into French for use within district
- b) Vivian will be checking in with Core French teachers (Grades 5-7) re. their needs for professional learning and resources, and Ballenas' staff to discuss needs
- c) Vivian has asked for a French website presence on district website; in progress

8) Survey sub-committee update:

- a) Draft FI student survey questions were reviewed; it is bilingual so students can answer in English or French
- b) Vivian will update survey to incorporate suggested changes.
- c) FI students in Grades 6-12 will have opportunity to complete the survey. Angela would like to pilot it with her Grade 5 students.

9) Next meeting date: Feb 3, 2020