

French Advisory Council (FAC)

Minutes

Monday, November 30, 2020

Zoom web conference - 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Brayden Gordon, Rudy Terpstra, Francois Provencher, Angela Dodd, Catherine Buchanan, Elaine Young, Andrea Button, Debbie Comer, Greer Cummings, Vivian Collyer

- 1) Territorial Acknowledgement
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
- 3) School Updates:

École Secondaire Ballenas Secondary School:

- Brand new textbooks have arrived for Social Studies 12 course offering; New resources have arrived for Fila 12 for next year (workbook)
- French Immersion Grade 9 students were in the media for helping to fundraise and save the West Ballenas Island for parkland.
- *Learning without Borders* was an excellent conference with good workshops.
- Grade 8 and 9 students are continuing their semester courses Sciences humaines/FRAL for the 8's, Sciences/Mathematiques for the 9's.
- Grade 10's, after having a whole quarter in Immersion, will have two required courses this quarter. Rosetta Stone is available if students want to practice language skills, however none have chosen to do so.
- Grade 11's are taking Francophone History and Culture 11 this quarter and the grade 12's have a quarter working on their non-Immersion course requirements.

École Oceanside Elementary School:

- Overall very positive vibe in the school, despite COVID stressors
- Almost half of students who started on Home Support (HS) have returned to school in full-time or part-time capacity (Start of Oct. = 41, End of Nov. = 30)
 - FI Primary = 17
 - FI Intermediate = 13
- Rosetta Stone parent consent forms for students in HS were sent out today
- "Virtual" Winter Concert this year
- Started FI teacher meetings; teachers are enjoying the cohort model (but feeling a little silo-ed); trying to track down resources ordered last spring through clerical and Gaynor; Scope & Sequence project planned - Vivian has some resources & exemplars that could help
- Looking at spending more on digital resources this year (can't have school events)
- One FI teacher off on medical leave until winter break, so seeking French teacher to cover in the meantime

- 4) District Update:

- a) Home Support (HS) update – For FI HS and DL students requesting support with French language practice, conversations, and help with homework:

- Rosetta Stone – 22 students had expressed interest; Vivian has received 6 parent consent forms so far and has activated RS accounts for them
 - BSS FI tutors to work with EOES HS students; reciprocal relationship – BSS students can earn mentoring credits and/or volunteer experience and EOES HS students get support with continued French language practice and homework; counsellors are in process of coordinating
- b) Consortium du Bas Fraser meeting, Nov. 30 - Highlighted ACPI member resources on website under “Zone pedagogique” tab, including preferred websites, oral language development ideas and videos, archived teaching and learning podcasts, and videotaped workshops and webinars
- c) Tentative dates for K registration activities in the new year:
- French Immersion sibling registration: January 13-17, 2021
 - FI K registration for others: Jan. 18-29, 2021
 - Early FI program parent information session: Monday, Jan. 18 at 6:00 pm in Zoom.
- 5) Greer shared some information re. ongoing communications with the French Programs Branch, advocating for French Immersion Distributed Learning at provincial level
- 6) Motion brought forward: That the FIAC recommend that the School District 69 (Qualicum) financially support the building of a French Immersion webpage during their budgetary deliberations for the 2021-2022 school year. Discussion included French programs web page currently in progress; Vivian is working on it when she has time; challenge of no dedicated person for district website. Motion did not pass. Suggestion made at the meeting: Schools can post FAC minutes to their websites.
- 7) Next FAC meeting: Monday, **Feb. 8 OR 22** (5:00-6:00 pm) in Zoom; Vivian will send out a Doodle poll to the group to determine which date