

French Advisory Council (FAC)

Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 7, 2019

EOES Multi-Purpose Room 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Gillian Wilson, Gaynor Charnock, Lesley LaCouvee, Rudy Terpstra, Francois Provencher, Angela Dodd, Catherine Buchanan, Elaine Young, Andrea Button, Debbie Comber, Vivian Collyer

- 1) Welcome, Introductions, Territorial Acknowledgement – Vivian Collyer
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda: Agenda adopted
- 3) Review of Terms of Reference:

Mandate: FAC provides advice, recommendations and feedback to senior staff on matters relating to French language programs in the District.

FAC's role - FAC meets at least three times each year to discuss strategic priorities as they relate to funding allocation and program development:

- To promote and support French Language learning in SD69;
- To support relevant, accessible, high quality FSL programs that optimize resources and appropriately complement district programming;
- To help integrate FSL program guidelines within the district's learning framework, as well as serve as a forum for ongoing sharing of perspectives on program directions;
- To ensure our district programs align with federal funding guidelines.

4) School Updates:

1. École Secondaire Ballenas Secondary School:

- Gr. 8 smooth transition with new system;
- New computer cart is working well;
- New teacher joined staff for FI Grade 8 - Science and Math

2. École Oceanside Elementary School:

- 370 Immersion students currently in the school and most classes are full;
- Several new FI teachers in two Grades ½ classes, in Grade 3/4 class and a return from maternity leave in Grades 4/5 class;
- Teachers in music, PHE and Makerspace are committed to teaching in French and accessing support through Summer courses as needed;
- Intermediate classes are all involved in the student vote and will be hosting a candidates meeting at our school;
- Angela shared how English/French peer buddies and mixing has been positive and reciprocal;
- Upcoming Remembrance Day assembly on November 7th will be a bilingual event as per usual.

5) District Update:

- Hiring and recruitment of French programs staff is ongoing;
- Reviewing current intermediate level Core French resources.

- 6) Old Business: Update from sub-group re. promoting French-speaking opportunities in the community
 1. Discussion:
 - How can we promote French outside of school? Can we identify various French events and promote them via a web page to inform with parents?
 - A suggestion to create a Google calendar to promote French events in and around the local communities.
 - Where are there examples of students speaking French communally?
 - The Francophone games this summer 2020 students can volunteer - Francois is on the board and will share information.
 2. Possible cultural activities
 - Noel sur glace, cirque need ideas and volunteers
 - Other ideas, especially for secondary students?
 3. District website presences for French programs, incl. space for posting student exchange opportunities, links to resources, etc.?

- 7) New Business:
 1. Shared French Immersion student enrollment for Sept. 2019

 2. Priorities for this year:
 - Discussion about development of surveys for parents, students, and teachers:
 - Survey so program can be more responsive to the needs and interests of community
 - What are their goals and priorities?
 - How do we foster community and culture?
 - Need to further refine questions in survey
 - Vivian will meet with sub-committee to refine questions and bring draft Q's to FAC for consideration.

- 8) Next FAC meeting: Monday, November 25, EOES Multi-Purpose Room, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.