



Minutes

The Minutes of the French as a Second Language Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in the Seminar Room at the Catholic Education Centre.

PRESENT:

Trustees/Members	Linda Ainsworth, Aniela d'Avernas, Christine Aquin, Marie-Claude Caron Charette, Nancy Guillemette, Donna Paquette, Lynne Milette-Carroll, Elena Shaughnessy, Alan Morin, Suzanne Lavoie, Abbey Shaughnessy, Alyssa Robinson, Abigail Chambers
Administration	Dawn Michie, Adam White
Absent/Regrets	Mark Joly
Recorder	Joanne Friar

A. Call to Order:

1. Welcome

Dawn Michie welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting that three of our secondary school students have joined the committee as representatives. All of the committee members introduced themselves.

2. Territorial Recognition

Dawn Michie acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishnabe.

3. Opening Prayer

Elena Shaughnessy led the opening prayer.

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Alan Morin, seconded by Nancy Guillemette
that the Agenda be approved.

Carried

5. Additions to the Agenda

C. 7 – New Assessment Handbook

6. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of April 11, 2018

MOTION: Moved by Aniela d’Avernas, seconded by Lynn Milette-Carroll
that the Minutes of the Meeting of April 11, 2018 be approved.

Carried

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

It was noted that the approximately \$31 million federal initiative shouldn’t be impacted by the change in provincial government.

B. Discussion/Presentations:

1. Update – French Teacher Recruitment/Federal Recruitment Strategy

Christine Aquin provided an update on the current number of French Immersion and Core French teachers employed by the Board, and, the many recruitment strategies that Human Resource staff are utilizing to find and hire French teachers this year.

Adam White presented an update on the \$31 million Federal Retention Strategy for Second Language Teachers. The plan involves national organizations such as CPF, ACPI and CASLT leading organizations in proposals for this strategy. They will partner with provincial organizations like OMLTA and MLC to have local interests represented.

The committee was then invited to read the recommendations of the Ontario Labour Market Study for FSL teachers. The committee members broke into groups to complete a SWOT analysis to identify the strengths and areas where growth is needed. A google document will be created to share this information.

Adam White also reviewed the recommendations of the Rehner Report for members to consider in the SWOT analysis.

2. Review of FSL 3 Year Plan/Needs Assessment for 2018-19

Adam White distributed the plan for the committee members to review the key planned actions for the 2018-2019 school year, as part of the SWOT analysis.

3. Supporting Kindergarten Teams to Connect CEFR and Inquiry Based Learning

Adam White reported that at the Early Years Advisory Committee Meeting, discussion had taken place regarding a concern by Immersion teachers that inquiry-based learning is challenging with a second language. After visiting with kindergarten teams this Fall, Adam has invited Suzanne Lavoie to present to the committee.

Suzanne Lavoie spoke about her inquiry on bees that worked very well in her kindergarten classroom at St. Anne Catholic Elementary School. The children were very engaged and she was able to invite a number of presenters to her classroom as well as utilize a number of resources. She touched on many areas of the curriculum and noted that the inquiry gave the students the opportunity to learn French words more naturally.

C. Information Items:

1. Ministry News/Funding and Grants

With the change in government, there has been a pause on funding announcements and grant distribution. It is hoped that an announcement on funding will be made shortly.

2. DELF – Results from 2018 – Plans for 2019

53 students challenged the DELF exam last year and 52 were successful. Almost half of the students were in Core French. The plan is to support 60 students to write the DELF exam this year, depending on funding, and the number of correcteurs available. Our Board is signed up for the May 2019 session.

3. PD Plans – Lunch and Learn Menu

Learning Consultants have moved to a more school based model this year, with more Lunch and Learns, and after school regional meetings. Adam shared the list of Lunch and Learn options that he has created for support in both Core French and Immersion programming.

4. CPF Concours d'art oratoire - Impromptu

All elementary schools will participate in the Impromptu category only this year. Board finals are taking place on March 19, 2019 at Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School. If there is enough interest, a separate secondary competition may take place as well. It was noted that depending on interest, this event may need to be run on two days. Aniela d'Avernas offered to be one of the judges.

5. FI Principals' Meetings (November 27 and March 21)

This is a great networking opportunity for principals to learn about new initiatives, especially those principals who are new to French Immersion.

6. French Certificates at Secondary

Discussion took place around a request from one of our schools to produce an Extended French Certificate for a student who has transferred from another board.

7. New Assessment Handbook

Adam White spoke to the new Assessment Handbook and noted the section on Reporting Evaluating Content Areas in a French Immersion Context.

D. Next Committee Meeting Date:

1. Wednesday, April 3, 2019 – 4:30 p.m., Seminar Room, Catholic Education Centre
2. Opening Prayer – Marie-Claude Caron Charette
3. Closing Prayer – Lynne Milette-Carroll

E. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Abbey and Elena Shaughnessy.

2. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Alan Morin, seconded by Adam White
that the meeting adjourn – 6:40 p.m.

Carried