



FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

BOARDROOM – 4:30 P.M.

TRUSTEE/MEMBERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING
ARE ASKED TO PLEASE NOTIFY JOANNE FRIAR

- A. Call to Order:**
1. Welcome
 2. Opening Prayer – Lynne Milette-Carroll
 3. Approval of Agenda
 4. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of November 16, 2016
 5. Business Arising from the Minutes
- B. Discussion/Presentations:**
1. FSL Framework – 3 Year Plan – post survey
 2. Smoothing the Transition Between Gr. 8 and Gr. 9 Core French – Anne Normand
- C. Information Items:**
1. Small Scale Initiatives Grant
 2. Professional Learning for Core French Teachers and French Immersion Teachers this year
 3. DELF Update
 4. Voilà Learning update
 5. Enriched School Environment Activities
 6. Festival d'art oratoire – NEW Impromptu category
- D. Next Year's Committee Dates:**
1. a. Wednesday, November 22, 2017 – 4:30 p.m.
b. Wednesday, April 11, 2018 – 4:30 p.m.
 2. Selection of Member for Opening Prayer
 3. Selection of Member for Closing Prayer

E. Conclusion

1. Closing Prayer – Anne Normand
2. Adjournment



Minutes

The Minutes of the French as a Second Language Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Catholic Education Centre.

PRESENT:

Trustees/Members Linda Ainsworth, Mark Joly, Adam White, Lynne Milette-Carroll, Aniela d'Avernas, Virginia Marini, Meaghan Tahon, Nancy Guillemette, Anne Normand

Administration Dawn Michie, Sharon Lajoie

Absent/Regrets Juliet Fullerton, Marie-Claude Caron Charette

Recorder Joanne Friar

A. Call to Order:

1. Welcome

Dawn Michie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Opening Prayer

Sharon Lajoie led the opening prayer.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Lynne Milette-Carroll, seconded by Nancy Guillemette that the Agenda be approved with the following addition:

B. 8 - Enrolment in Secondary School Courses.

Carried

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of April 20, 2016

MOTION: Moved by Mark Joly, seconded by Nancy Guillemette that the Minutes of the Meeting of April 20, 2016 be approved.

Carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

B. Discussion/Presentations:

1. FSL Framework

Sharon Lajoie provided the Framework for French as a Second Language, Kindergarten to Grade 12 – 3 Year Plan, for the committee members to review. The Board is now in Year 3 of this plan, a new 3 Year Plan will begin in September 2017.

During discussion, questions arose about the amount of input Core French teachers have in recommending the level of placement for Grade 8 students transitioning to secondary school level French instruction.

Dawn Michie will take this item to the next Director's Meeting reminding principals of the importance of the Core French teacher's input.

2. 2016-17 FSL Plan

Sharon Lajoie outlined the spending plan for the special grant from the Canada-Ontario Agreement on Minority-Language Education and Second Official-Language Instruction for this year:

- i. Support for Education Staff and Research
 - CEFR-related professional development
 - other professional development i.e. DELF, ACPI and OMLTA conferences

On November 25, 2016, Core French teachers will be participating in a Focused Networking professional development day at the Catholic Education Centre. Teachers will also be participating in professional development on November 29, 2016, where they will share strategies to support the implementation of the Common European Framework of Reference in Core French classrooms, grades 4 to 12.

PVNC will be participating in Phase 4 of the provincial Diplôme d'étude en langue française (DELF) project. Discussion took place on how to better promote DELF to students and parents as students transition to secondary school, and, how to encourage students to continue with French instruction throughout secondary school and qualify to write the Diplôme d'étude en langue française.

Our Board is partnering with the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board to offer DELF correcteur training from July 4 to 7, 2017. Administration will look at opportunities with other boards for teachers who are interested in receiving this training.

Six French Immersion teachers attended the ACPI conference in Niagara Falls in October and there will be opportunities for teachers to attend the OMLTA conference in Toronto in the Spring.

ii. Enriched School Environment

- schools are eligible to apply for up to \$500 to assist with the cost of their students participating in a number of approved activities. There is \$14,500 available to fund this initiative this school year

iii. CEFR Provincial and Regional Activities

- Barrie Region Collaborative Inquiry – 4 to 5 teachers will be invited
- Provincial DELF Project – funding for 7 students, the FSL grant will cover the costs for 23 additional Grade 12 students to participate

iv. Small-scale Initiatives

- the Board received \$7,500 to help support the costs for the new French Immersion classrooms at Good Shepherd Catholic Elementary School

3. Student Engagement and Well-being in FSL Inquiry Project

Our Board is one of five boards in the province that has been invited to participate in this project. The goal is to increase student engagement in order to encourage more students to stay in French. The focus for the project will be St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School, and, its feeder schools: St. Elizabeth, St. Francis and Holy Family Catholic Elementary Schools.

4. Voilà Learning

The cost for the Board to subscribe to this on-line homework help site this year is \$900, decreased from \$1900 the previous year. Students are now able to access help with French, English and Math. It was noted that this service can also be used as a practice tool, when the student does not have homework. Brochures advertising the program will be sent to all students. Committee members suggested posting information on the communication monitor in the schools, as well as tweeting it out.

5. OMLTA Fall Conference

The Board is hosting this conference on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School. 160 participants have registered to attend as well as 26 exhibitors.

6. Resources to Support New Core French Teachers

Anne Normand requested that Administration consider purchasing teacher guides/resources to assist new French teachers by providing them with materials they could use when they begin teaching. A lack of teaching resources in the schools for new French teachers can be a significant issue for them. Discussion took place regarding any possible funding sources for these materials, and, leadership

development opportunities.

This topic will be added to the next Director's Meeting with Mark Joly and Virginia Marini speaking to it. Anne Normand and Sharon Lajoie will find a couple of good examples of resources to provide some consistency throughout the Board.

7. Communicating with Classroom Teachers to Facilitate the Job of the Core French Teacher

Concerns were raised that in some classrooms the teacher is remaining in the classroom during the Core French teacher's lesson, and, in some cases continuing to interact with the students. This topic will be added to the Director's Meeting agenda to remind principals that the classroom teacher should be leaving the classroom prior to the Core French teacher beginning their lesson.

8. Enrolment in Secondary School Courses

Administration has begun initial discussions to determine if there is a need to expand French Immersion into more secondary schools. Committee members discussed items that should be considered as Administration reviews the matter.

C. Information Items:

D. New Business:

E. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Sharon Lajoie.

2. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Adam White, seconded by Nancy Guillemette
that the meeting adjourn – 6:20 p.m.

Carried