



Minutes

The Minutes of the French as a Second Language Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Catholic Education Centre.

PRESENT:

Trustees/Members	Helen McCarthy, Aniela d'Avernas, Marie-Claude Caron Charette, Nancy Guillemette, Adam White, Donna Paquette, Lynne Milette-Carroll
Administration	Dawn Michie, Alan Morin
Absent/Regrets	Linda Ainsworth, Meaghan Tahon, Anne Normand, Mark Joly
Recorder	Joanne Friar

A. Call to Order:

1. Welcome

Alan Morin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Territorial Recognition

Alan Morin acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishnabe.

3. Opening Prayer

Dawn Michie led the opening prayer.

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Adam White, seconded by Nancy Guillemette
that the Agenda be approved.

Carried

5. Additions to the Agenda

C. 7 - Student Exchange Program
C. 8 - May 4, 2018 P.A. Day

6. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of November 22, 2017

MOTION: Moved by Lynne Milette-Carroll, seconded by Adam White
that the Minutes of the Meeting of November 22, 2017 be approved.

Carried

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

There are some French Immersion and Core French Teachers who are participating in Deep Learning this year, although a group has not been formalized.

The Board has hired a Recruitment Officer, Jennifer Brown, whose focus is on the hiring and retention of French Teachers, ECE's, E.A.s, and, Supply Teachers. In addition, the Federal Government has announced an initiative regarding French Teacher Retention. Details will be coming forward.

B. Discussion/Presentations:

1. FSL 3 Year Framework

Alan Morin presented the 3 Year FSL Plan (2017-2018 to 2019-2020). The report is broken down into 3 pillars: Increase Student Confidence, Proficiency, and Achievement in FSL; Increase the Percentage of Students Studying FSL Until Graduation; and, Increase Student, Educator, Parent, and Community Engagement in FSL. He highlighted one of this year's initiatives of tracking through technology the Professional Development that FSL Teachers are participating in and the key concepts they are being taught. This will help target those that may still be in need of PD. Alan also spoke to the use of technology as a platform for FSL Teachers to share what's happening in their classrooms. Some teachers are already tweeting out great information, which is an excellent resource for other teachers in the Board.

The committee members requested that Secondary Administration be directed to include the promotion of DELF at Grade 8 Parent Information nights.

2. DELF (discussion of training more teachers)

The DELF will be written on May 7 to May 10 this year. 53 students are writing, up from 27 last year. Alan Morin spoke directly to potential candidates in the schools this year. This, along, with a greater knowledge by both teachers and students of the value of this diploma have contributed to the increase in participation. The need to increase capacity around DELF through professional development for teachers was discussed.

A google survey will be sent out to teachers to obtain information on scheduling this training. Alan requested assistance with the facilitation of these days and asked

committee members to speak with their colleagues.

3. Updating of FSL Digital Resource Organization

The FSL Google Drive Share currently contains 60 folders and allows full access to users to edit or delete content. After discussion, it was decided that the Drive would be cleaned up and reorganized with fewer folders, making the content more accessible. Editing rights will be limited to ensure that the information remains organized, and, that any added content meets current curriculum guidelines.

C. Information Items:

1. Festival D'art Oratoire

This year there were 37 students from 8 schools who participated, 23 in the new Impromptu category. This new category has been a huge success at the schools, with great feedback received from everyone involved. It was decided that the Festival D'art Oratoire would only be offered in the Impromptu category in our schools next year. Resources will be shared to help prepare students.

2. MOE FSL Teacher Recruitment Update

The Federal Government has announced \$31,000,000 in funding for schools boards to assist with FSL teacher recruitment. The amount the Board will be receiving and how that money is to be spent has not yet been released by the Government.

3. Grants for Next Year

The grants for next year from the Ministry of Education have not yet been announced, but they are expected to be similar to this year's amounts. Alan Morin will apply for additional funding should this become available.

4. OMLTA Participation

Twelve teachers from the Board attended the Ontario Modern Languages Teachers' Conference this year. Excellent feedback was received from the participants who were eager to share their learning with other teachers who did not attend. Board participation in both the Fall and Spring sessions will be considered next year, depending on the availability of funding to support this.

5. CEFR Regional Activities with Teachers

Core French teachers have been participating in CEFR Professional Development in Barrie. This will help increase the CEFR capacity in our Board.

6. FSL Advisory Committee Members – 2018-2020

The term for the current members of the FSL Advisory Committee ends in June.

Applications will be going out to the system in September for the 2018-2020 term. All current committee members are encouraged to apply.

7. Student Exchange Program

Aniela d'Avernas and Lynne Milette-Carroll spoke to the in-house exchange program at St. Peter Catholic Secondary School, noting what a wonderful experience this is for the students involved. The use of social media has helped the students make a strong connection to their exchange partners, even prior to meeting in person. Having the exchange student in the classrooms, benefits everyone in the class, not just the students participating in the program.

The Canadian Education Exchange Foundation was recommended as a resource, should other secondary schools be interested in offering a similar experience to their students.

8. May 4th PA Day

Alan Morin has arranged for Denis Cousineau to provide CEFR-IDÉLLO training to elementary and secondary Core French teachers at Baxter Creek on May 4, 2018. 1 or 2 French Immersion teachers from each school will also be invited to attend. Details will be provided in a system memo next week.

D. Next Committee Meeting Date:

1. Wednesday, November 21, 2018
2. Wednesday, April 3, 2019

E. Conclusion:

1. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Alan Morin.

2. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Aniela d'Avernas, seconded by Nancy Guillemette that the meeting adjourn – 6:05 p.m.

Carried