



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Name: French As A Second Language Advisory Committee

Date: September 24, 2015

Time: 7:00 pm- 9:00 pm

Present: Trustee Robin Pilkey; Kristina Laperle (Parent Co- Chair); Betheney Maheu (Parent Co- Vice- Chair); Matt Forest (Parent Co- Vice- Chair); Lauralyn Johnston (Ward 8); Sara Warden (Ward 10); William Kortleever (Ward 13); Sharon Beason (Ward 16); Mary Cruden (Canadian Parents for French)

Teleconference: Laura Steele Gunter (Ward 7); Steph Rickard Chadda (Ward 14)

TDSB: John Tancredi (Central Co-ordinating Principal); Kirsten Johnston (Program Co-ordinator FSL)

Regrets: Dina Pizolinas (Ward 2)

Guests: Mandy Nyarko (Student University of Toronto) ; Lena Angell (Parent Ward 5)

Recorder: Latha John (Parent and Community Engagement Office)

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/ MOTION
Call to Order/Quorum	The meeting was called to order by Chair Kristina at 7:10pm. Congratulated Trustee Pilkey on being the Chair of the Board. Welcome and Introductions followed. Quorum was achieved at 7:31pm	
Approval of Agenda Membership Review	Motion to approval the Agenda by Lauralyn Johnston, seconded by Sarah Warden. All in favour Motion carried.	



Approval of Minutes	Motion to approval the Minutes by Betheney Maheu, seconded by Lauralyn Johnston. All in favour Motion carried.	
Chair's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member Briefing Book/Google Docs update 	Chair Kristina presented to the committee an update of the briefing book on Google Docs. All members have access to the documents online.	Action: Mary to add list of the schools by Alpha, Ward & FOS to briefing book when available
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication plan 	FSLAC to communicate to email list about the SKFI information nights and registration deadlines TDSB email account is set up for FSLAC Co Chairs and access to Academic Workspace, the email accounts are renewed every School year. FSLAC plans to use the medium to communicate with school councils chairs. School councils are not fully operational with TDSB emails. Assistance may be needed with communications to school councils from Parent and Community Engagement Office. Matt Forest & Wilmar Kotleever volunteered to look at communication with school councils, Academic Workspace set up and keep FSLAC updated on progress.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future guest speakers 	October - Executive Superintendent Colleen Russell-Rawlins -Early years & Learning and Care. November – new Ministry Special Ed Inclusion document – Kirsten Johnston FSL/CIL Coordinator & John Tancredi -Central Co-ordinating Principal January- Celine from Toronto Public library to talk about the all the wonderful French resources in library.	
Staff Report- Communication plan for PARS	Communication of the timelines for SKFI registration to parents via hardcopy information packages in backpacks, community newspaper ads, TDSB Facebook & Twitter & FSL department Twitter account, two posters per school with an electronic memo to Principals to post in prominent places in schools. Virtual informational night and web chat on November 18 th at 8:00 pm. TDSB website will have dates posted on the French program page and banner space on the	



	<p>TDSB home page will announce SKFI dates. The department is working with digital media services on an informational video for principals for informational nights.</p> <p>Between Acceptance of placement and the start of the year: Placing students who are moving between application and start of school year is challenging to the department. Offer of placement in a specific school is not portable to a different school. However. All efforts are made to make it work for the family. Current optional attendance policy allows the student the option to remain in the current pathway, transportation is not provided.</p> <p>Demographics characteristics of Students Report Data around measures of student achievement, family background and students with special education has been gathered in a report that will be available soon. Data shows that French immersion and extended French are reflecting the diversity of the TDSB and achievement is good.</p> <p>Overview for the year Professional Learning- Working with Ministry of Education on Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) Focussing on Secondary Core French-Communication tools, authentic tasks and oral interaction. Examining and reflecting on Including Students with Special Needs in FSL. Digital tools in FSL context. Professional Learning is usually a three-part module of workshops where teachers develop best practices for use in classrooms. TDSB produced a resource tool for teachers with student samples of writing to establish consistency in evaluating student work.</p>	<p>Action: John/Kirsten will send the informational evening dates to the FSLAC as soon as they are confirmed.</p>
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	<p>Ontario College of Teachers is consulting on FSL Part 1 & 2 and Specialist teacher qualifications. TDSB is providing feedback on the new draft guidelines.</p> <p>FSLAC question: how rigorous are the language proficiency prerequisites for the courses. Staff: There are many providers of AQ courses – universities and teacher federations and they monitor the prerequisites. TDSB French teacher candidates do a TDSB proficiency test with both a written and an oral component during the hiring process. The key aspect of pedagogy for FSL for students is the exclusive use of French in the classroom and specifying French as the language of instruction for AQ courses will part of the TDSB feedback to the Ontario College of Teachers.</p> <p>PARC /ARC Process FSLAC will be invited to send representatives to be part of the PARC/ARC processes, which will be making recommendations on school use and organization.</p>	
<p>Canadian Parents for French Updates</p>	<p>Canadian Parents for French (CPF) was formed 40 years ago by parents who were convened by Canada’s first Commissioner of official languages, Keith Spicer. CPF has branches across the country with the national office in Ottawa. CPF is funded by the Federal Government Department of Canadian Heritage and is a membership-based organization with annual fees of \$25 for individuals and \$ 60 for organization. CPF provides grants to local chapters made up of members and volunteers who support parents in helping their kids learn French. It also facilitates parent networking across the city and provinces and builds partnership with Francophile/Francophone community organizations. FSLAC Parent Co-Chair Kristina Laperle is the president of CPF Toronto North); Rosemary Sutherland is part of CPF Toronto Midtown and Dina Pizolinas is part of CPF Toronto West.</p> <p>CPF’s major student activity is Concours D’art Oratoire - French public speaking showcase and contest. Provincial finals are held at Glendon College and the nationals are in Ottawa. The</p>	



	<p>winners of each category (Core, Extended, Immersion and French Plus) at the national contest get a full scholarship to Ottawa University.</p> <p>CPF website provides information on French activities and camps including Camp Tournesol in the GTA, information for parents on FSL education in Ontario including the CEFR and the DELF. Members receive regular communication and a national magazine.</p> <p>CPF also keeps national data about FSL and does research that is shared with decision and policy makers such as the Ministry of Education. CPF represents FSL parents in provincial consultations such as those held to develop the FSL Framework, the new FSL curriculum, Including Students with Special Needs and Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat publications.</p> <p>CPF Ontario conference in Toronto on October 24th</p> <p>French Second Language (FSL) best practices along with positive directions in FSL education: the Framework for FSL in Ontario schools, including children with special education needs. Two FSLAC members will be sponsored to attend by the Ministry of Education. Additional members are welcome to attend and the fee is \$95 per person. Speakers include Graham Fraser, Commissioner of Official Languages, Elizabeth Hoerath, Ministry of Education and Matthew Hayday, University of Guelph. Registration is through the website on.cpf.ca</p>	
W14	<p>The Board has put a request to rebuild the Davisville Public School. The Midtown Hub community group is connecting with all levels of government, community organizations and private funders to secure funding and support for a community hub. More information is available at: davisvilleparents.com</p>	
Next Meeting Date	Next Meeting October 27, 2015 at North York Civic Centre.	
Adjournment	Meeting Adjourned at 9:04 pm	

