

**French Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
April 18, 2023  
1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. (PST)  
Via Zoom**

SD8 French Immersion Program Website ([Click Here](#))

Present:

J. Bremner, Trustee  
Tamara Malloff, District Principal  
Vanessa Finnie, District Teacher – French Coordinator  
Tim Mushumanski, Trafalgar Principal  
Victoria Jordan, Teacher, Canyon Lister  
Dan Rude, Principal L.V. Rogers  
Genevieve Lepage, Parent  
Lauren Fanthome, Parent  
Nona Lynn, Learning Innovator

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at

**2. Territory Acknowledgement**

*"We acknowledge, respect and honour the First Nations in whose traditional territories the Kootenay Lake School District operates and all Aboriginal people residing within the boundaries of School District No. 8."*

Tamara shared an overview and gratitude towards the recent Indianizing the Curriculum Professional Development Day.

**3. Introductions/Welcome**

A round table of introductions took place.

**4. Adoption of April 18, 2023 Agenda**

The Agenda of the April 18, 2023 French Advisory Council were approved.

**5. Adoption of February 21, 2023 Minutes**

The Minutes of the February 21, 2023 French Advisory Council were approved.

**6. District Updates**

**a. Update on Terms of Reference and Annual Plan - Deferred until 23/24 school year.**

District Principal Malloff shared that the Terms of Reference and Annual Plan will be updated for the 23/24 school year and adopted at the first meeting of next year.

**b. School Plans – French Coordinator Finnie**

Nil.

**c. Events & Professional Learning – French Coordinator Finnie**

District Teacher Coordinator Finnie, shared information regarding French related Professional Learning for School District No. 8 Kootenay Lake.

- Jaclyn Dexter - SD8 ProD Indigenizing the Curriculum
- Shauna Nero – District Workshop
- BCLCA Conference upcoming (Vanessa and Wanda will be attending)
- MYPITA (middle school teachers) meeting in May – Core French teacher focus
- South Interior Late French Immersion Teacher Collaboration network session in May

District Principal Malloff thanked Vanessa Finnie for all of her hard work as the District French Coordinator.

**7. School Updates:**

**a. Canyon Lister Elementary School – Principal Carrier**

- 24 students this year. 29 enrolled for next year. French at Canyon Lister is growing.
- Ordered 2 more AIM kits for next year.
- Will have three levels of French for next year.

**b. Trafalgar Middle School – Principal Mushumanski**

- Course selection currently taking place
- Looking at numbers of students going into grade 6 French Immersion for next year.
- Poling students this week who are currently in TMS to see if they will continue on with French Immersion for next year. Tentatively planning to work with the same numbers of this year for next.
- Looking at budgets for French Immersion, and ensuring we are trying up the year of spending for April 30.
- French Immersion document cameras were purchased for the TMS French program.
- Carnival took place and TMS. Was very well received. Grade 9 students were able to fill a leadership role for the event.
- Grade 6 classes are going to be doing some biking to build a sense of team and community with the classes.
- Many TMS teachers going to the Southern Interior conference upcoming.

**c. L.V. Rogers Secondary School – Principal Rude**

- Course selection and staffing, looking forward to next year.
- Looking to fill a French position in the district.

**8. Schedule of 2023/2024 meetings:**

**Tuesday, October 17, 2023**

Topics: 1701, Enrollment, Annual Plan, TOR, School Plans

**Tuesday, December 5, 2023**

Topics: Presentation of School Plans, Update on ProD Plan, French Immersion Registration Process

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

Topics: Enrollment Update, School Plan Updates

**Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

Topics: Graduation, Year End Celebration, Planning for next year.

Reviewed the schedule of meetings for 23/24 school year, as well as an overview of topics for each meeting.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.