

French Advisory Committee

Agenda

October 18, 2022

1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. (PST)

VIA TEAMS:

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Present: Trustee Walsh
Ben Eaton, Director
Tim Mushumanski, Principal Trafalgar
Wendy Machado, Teacher
Laury Carriere, Principal Canyon Lister
Tamara Malloff, Principal LVR
Victoria Jordan, Teacher Canyon Lister

Regrets: Vanessa Finnie, Teacher

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m.

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."

3. Introductions/Welcome

A roundtable of introductions took place.

4. Adoption of October 18, 2022 Agenda

The FAC October 18, 2022 agenda was approved.

5. Adoption of June 7, 2022 Minutes

The FAC June 7, 2022 minutes were approved.

6. District Updates

a. Review Terms of reference

Notes:

Composition and Operations – J

J- should begin with The Committee to follow with others.

Composition – A

Two parent representatives – Principals may reach out to parents who may wish to participate as a parent representative.

Canadian Parent for French – The Nelson Branch is on hold at the moment.

b. Review of Annual Plan

Committee members – align with TOR

Strategies – 3

School District 8 Professional Learning Events – include non-district ProD. – Reflect ProD in general.

21/21 FAC meeting schedule should read 21/22

Revise FI information nights

Nona will update Action Plan and TOR for approval at next meeting.

c. French Immersion Enrollment Update

Director Eaton provided a French Immersion enrollment update to the committee.

d. School Plans

District Teacher Finnie will work with schools to help support development of school plans.

The plans are due January 17, 2023.

Ensure plans align with the budget.

e. Professional Learning Opportunities & Resources

- **BCTML, ACPI Conference**
- **SD8 Microsoft Teams platform for FI Teachers**
- **Core French Resources & Units**
- **French Coordinator's Schedule**

A group of teachers are going to BCTML Conference this week.

ACPI conference will be taking place and is an opportunity for SD8 teachers. Taking place November 3 to 5th. We are able to send one district teacher to this conference. Please share with teachers. If interested send your request to Ben and Nona.

January 16 – Vanessa will be running a Core French ProD break out session.

Vanessa is creating a resource SharePoint that will house resources.

Core French Resources – Vanessa will be in schools supporting Core French teachers. Thematic kits have been created to share with schools.

Vanessa is here to support all things French and works in this capacity on Fridays. Feel free to reach out to her.

7. School Updates:

a. Canyon Lister Elementary School

- 3rd year of late French immersion program
- 24 students
- Multi age/multi ability classroom.
- Beginning conversations as program grows – what is the best way to grow it.
- Will begin promoting the program for next year in November and December (information to schools, student visits, district advert onto the Creston community, as well as word of mouth)
- Many students attending the program are from other areas in the district.
- The class is wonderful.
- AIM kits – we are very grateful for them. Have been crucial to the success of the program.
- Laury thanked Victoria for all her hard work.

b. Trafalgar Middle School

- 4 grades of French immersion
- 226 FI students
- 3 groups – grade 6, 2 at grade 7, 8 and 9
- Plans to get new resources out to the classrooms. Lots of student and parent support.

c. L.V. Rogers Secondary School

- 74 French Immersion Students
- 18 graduates this year.
- FI represents 12% of the school community
- Core French 26 students grades 10 and 11
- Exploring an AP French Immersion
- Have purchases MyBluePrint for FI, digital resources – another cart of technology.
- Classes are doing wonderful presentations.
- Francophone program going on in the school 28 students – it adds to the diversity in the school.

8. Schedule of 2022-2023 Meetings is:

October 18, 2022

January 17, 2023

February 21, 2023

April 18, 2023

Nona will update everyone's calendars with dates.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.