

French Advisory Committee

Minutes

March 5, 2023

1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. (PST)

VIA TEAMS: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Present: A. Gribbin, Trustee
B. Eaton, Director
T. Mushumanski, Trafalgar Principal
D. Rude, L.V. Rogers Secondary School Principal
J. Adams, Canyon Lister Principal
S. Davina, French Teacher Coordinator
L. Smith, Trafalgar Teacher
V. Jordan, L.V. Rogers Secondary School Teacher
N. Lynn, Learning Innovator

Regrets: J. Bremner, Vice-Chair
L. Trenaman, Trustee
T. Smillie, Superintendent
J. Kitch, L.V. Rogers Secondary School Teacher
D. Labonte, L.V. Rogers Secondary School Teacher
H. Rozee, Trafalgar Teacher
W. Machado, Trafalgar Teacher

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at: 1:03 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 round table of welcomes and introductions took place.

The French Coordinator shared some of the work she is doing in her new role.

- A collaborative meeting took place recent of French teachers in the Kootenay area.
- Working on ProD for French Immersion and Core French teachers in April.
- Attrition – developing a solid plan for each grade level, continuing on to secondary. Would like to add events. Potential for leadership program of FI student at L.V. Rogers Secondary School to connect and work with younger students.
- Developing content for French Immersion information at Trafalgar Middle School.
- Hoping to focus on Core French in time.

4. Approval of, March 5, 2024 Agenda

The agenda of March 5, 2024 FAC meeting was approved.

5. Approval of December 5, 2023 Minutes

The minutes of the December 5, 2023 FAC meeting were approved.

6. District Updates

a. French Immersion Registration Update

Total Registrations: 95

Creston Registrations: 8 – going into grade 5
Nelson Registrations: 84 – going into grade 6
Nelson – 2 for grade 7 and 1 for grade 8

7. School Updates:

a. Canyon Lister Elementary School

- 8 new grade 5
- 24 students in the class.
- Purchasing leveled readers for the class.
- Looking at digital resources
- AIM kits have been purchased
- Upcoming: Focus on Youth program, Cultural Event after spring break.

b. Trafalgar Middle School

- The L.V. Rogers Principal asked how many French immersion students are expected at L.V. Rogers Secondary School.
 - 2 classes of French Immersion for grade 9, course selection has not taken place yet, but traditionally 10 to 15 percent of students tend to change stream. Students and families are making educational choices but are just changing programs. Attrition is always on people's minds. We continue to do the best we can for all the students to graduate.
- ACTION: Trafalgar Principal will send L.V. Rogers Principal the class list of FI grade 9 students for 24/25 planning.
- Discussion took place around electives, and the choices being made at the secondary level by students and families.

School Report

- Planning for next year is taking place. 3 grade 6 classrooms, 2 grade 7 classrooms, 3 grade 8 and 2 grade 9 classrooms in French Immersion next year.
- Looking at student evaluations.
- Looking at staffing for 24/25
- Attended online teacher job fair for French Immersion teachers.
- One teacher is planning to move here and apply to SD8
- Actively looking for French Immersion teachers.
- Develop scope and sequence – will be working with teachers from each grade level to work on this.
- Working on developing what each student should be capable of at each grade level.
- Oral communication strategies – the ProD coming up – games will support
- Classroom – oral language strategies.
- French literature groups which includes reading strategies.
- Quebec exchange is complete and had a wonderful experience. A great team effort at Trafalgar Middle School made this happen.

c. L.V. Rogers Secondary School

- Course Selection and staffing is the main focus at this time.

Trustee asked for clarification as to the new French Coordinator new role.
The French Coordinator shared the work she is doing is currently a 0.13 position.

8. Schedule of 2023-2024 Meetings is:

October 17, 2023 – Focus: TOR, Annual Plan, School Plans

December 5, 2023 – Focus: School Program Plans, French Immersion Information Night and Registration Process

March 5, 2024 – Focus: French Immersion Registration Update

April 16, 2024 – Focus: year-end wrap-up. Celebrations. What have we learned this year?

**Parent Engagement – January 4, 2024 – French Immersion Information Night for Creston and Nelson families.*

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.