

## French Advisory Committee

### Agenda

October 17, 2023

1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. (PST)

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

Present: A. Gribbin, Trustee  
J. Bremner, Trustee (observing – alternate Trustee)  
D. Lang, Board Vice-Chair (observer)  
B. Eaton, Director  
T. Mushumanski, Trafalgar Principal  
D. Rude, Principal  
J. Adams, Teacher  
V. Jordan, Teacher  
W. Machado, Teacher  
N. Lynn, Learning Innovator

Regrets: L. Trenaman, Board Chair  
T. Smillie, Superintendent  
D. Labonte, Teacher  
H. Rozee, Teacher

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 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."*

**Addition to Agenda:** Budget typo which was corrected.

All French Immersion programs are funded equally.

#### 3. Introductions/Welcome

A roundtable of introductions took place.

#### 4. Approval of October 17, 2023 Agenda

The October 17, 2023 agenda was approved.

#### 5. Approval of [April 18, 2023 Minutes](#)

The minutes of the April 28 2023 FAC meeting were approved. With an addition of Wanda Machado attending the meeting.

#### 6. District Updates

##### a. Review [Terms of Reference](#)

The 23/24 Terms of Reference were accepted.

##### b. Review of [Annual Plan](#)

The 23/24 Annual Plan was accepted.

##### c. [School Plans](#)

Schools were reminded to complete their school plans prior to the next meeting where they will be shared.

##### d. [Professional Learning Opportunities & Resources](#)

Sharing of Professional Learning Opportunities and Resources is encouraged to be shared with all French Immersion and Core French teachers.  
These updates are also included in the PVP weekly emails.

**7. School Updates:**

**a. Canyon Lister Elementary School**

- Enrollment is up this year to 29 students, which shows growth year over year.
- AIM kits have been purchased.
- The goal is to split into two classrooms going forward.
- Classes can not exceed 30 students. Now we do not exceed the average of 27 students.
- The French Immersion teacher at Canyon Lister is a returning teacher.

**b. Trafalgar Middle School**

- TMS – 9 classrooms of French Immersion currently – 230 students.
- Fully staffed for the program.
- Have had various cultural activities at the school this year.
- Looking forward to seeing budgets and coordination of French Immersion activities this year going forward.
- There are no issues with French Immersion class sizes at this point. We are well below our school average.
- The waitlisted students all were able to join the French Immersion program.
- 3 French Immersion teachers were hired this year.
- The pool isn't as deep for French Immersion teachers. Candidates are highly sought after. But this year we have enough teachers.
- Creating more of a sense of community in the building. All French Immersion 6, 7, 8 are in one wing of the school.
- A mural of French Immersion activities is being created.
- Questions regarding the French Immersion Coordinator for the year:  
Ben: In process of determining next steps with respect to the French Immersion Coordinator. Will update at next meeting.
- French Assistant position has remained stable and wondered if there will be more time allocated.  
Ben: Will have to look into this and will get back to the committee.
- We have in the past applied for Odyssey Students to come will that take place this year.  
Ben: Will have to look into the Odyssey program this year, and will report back to the committee.

**c. L.V. Rogers Secondary School**

- Student Course selectin specific at LVR. Grade 10 - 1 class 25. Grade 11 – 2 small classes 34. Grade 12 – 2 small groups 35.
- Working on filling one French Immersion leave, which has been filled.

**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.*

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**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.