

French Advisory Committee

Minutes

December 5, 2023

1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. (PST)

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

Present: J. Bremner, Vice-Chair (observing – alternate Trustee)
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, Trustee
A. Gribbin, Trustee
T. Smillie, Superintendent
D. Labonte, Teacher
H. Rozee, 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 round table of introductions took place.

4. Approval of December 5, 2023 Agenda

The FAC agenda of the December 5, 2023 was approved.

5. Approval of October 17, 2023 Minutes

The FAC minutes of October 17, 2023 were approved.

6. District Updates

a. Review School [Program Plans](#)

Principal Rude shared the L.V. Rogers French Immersion Program Plan.

- Highlights include preparation for new literacy graduation assessment and teaching staff changes.

Principal Adams shared the Canyon Lister Elementary School French Immersion Program Plan.

- Highlights included the dream of adding an additional class. 20 student enrollments would be required to make this achievable.
- AIM teaching method is being used.
- Events at the school as well as a French club are taking place at the school. There is also a dream to start a French club at the secondary school in Creston.

Principal Mushumanski shared the Trafalgar Middle School French Immersion Program Plan.

- Highlights include scope and sequence for grades that include content and competency outcomes. A focus on oral language abilities for students.
- Trafalgar Middle School will be taking part in a Quebec exchange this year.

- A goal is to bring together all the French Immersion teachers. Looking at some singing and bingo of classes working together.
- Potential to do Carnival at some point during the year.
- Looking forward to a French Coordinator position being filled to help to coordinate events.

b. French Immersion Information Night – [web link](#)

The French Immersion Information Night information was shared.

Principals were remaindered to send their participants (teachers, students, parents) to the Learning Innovator, so the presentations can be coordinated.

c. French Immersion Registration process

The French Immersion registration process was shared. Registration will open on January 5 and close on March 1, 2024.

7. School Updates:

a. Canyon Lister Elementary School

- Parent interest in French Immersion exchanges.
- There is a desire to grow the French Immersion program in Creston.

b. Trafalgar Middle School

- \$32,000 grant in to visit Quebec and have an exchange.
- The trip will take place over Spring Break.
- Continuing along on day to day French Immersion work.
- Looking forward to a District French Coordinator.
- Carnival will take place in February or early March.
- Collaborative teacher ProD also taking place.

c. L.V. Rogers Secondary School

- Teacher changes this fall.
- Heading towards end of semester and going to semester 2 at end of January.

Director Eaton shared that we still have the French Coordinator posting out and we are currently waiting for qualified applicants.

Wanda shared that we should consider a wage increase for the French EA 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 adjourned at 1:44 p.m.