



Community Advisory Committees

Name of Committee: French as a Second Language Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: 12 November 2019

A meeting of the French As A Second Language Community Advisory Committee convened on 12 November 2019 from 7:16 to 9:08 pm in Committee Room A at 5050 Yonge Street with Parent Co-Chair Mandy Moore presiding.

Attendance:	Mandy Moore (Parent Co-Chair W7), Matt Forrest (Parent Vice-Co-Chair W9), Charles Zhu (Parent Vice-Co Chair W11), Rob Janes (W1/W2), Lisa McAvoy (W2 Alt), Deloris Williamson-Braham (W5), Polina Osmerkina (W10); Wilmar Kortleeve (W11 Alt), Randy Samuel (W14), Lisa McAvoy (W2 Alt) Also present were: Mary Cruden (Canadian Parents for French), Sharon Beason (Canadian Parents for French), Rosemary Sutherland (CPF Alt), Trustee Robin Pilkey (Trustee Co-Chair), Trustee Michelle Aarts (W16), Trustee Rachel Chernos Lin (W11); Manon Gardner (Associate Director); Angela Caccamo (Centrally Assigned Principal) The following participated by electronic means: Rosemary Sutherland (CPF Alt), Trustee Michelle Aarts (W16), Lisa McAvoy (W2 Alt)
Regrets:	Kirsten Johnston (PC), Sarah Smith (W15), Christie Dunbar (W16), Nalini Singh (W2 Alt), Laura Steele Gunter (W7 Alt), Nancy White (W16 Alt), Nadya Phelan (W8 Alt); Gail Miller (W22 Alt), Zeynab Kazi (Parent Vice-Co-Chair W22)

Part A: Recommendations

Nil

Part B: For Information

Committee of the Whole Update

Of the \$67 million budget shortfall reported in June 2019, \$21 million must be made up in 2020-21. Parents requested clarification at the next meeting of the transportation shortfall-referencing the Committee of the Whole PowerPoint presentation, the difference between the FI Transportation \$8 million vs \$4.7 shortfall reported, vs \$1.5 million found, so that Transportation for SK-6 may be provided for 2020-21 and status of GR 7-8 TTC tickets.

FI Transportation

French Immersion and gifted transportation was originally to be cut next year, but now this will be extending at least 1 year, until transportation can be fully reviewed, thus allowing parents to register for French Immersion/Junior Extended French knowing that transportation is available in 2020-21. Note this change will be formalized once approved at Board at end of November. PR597 will be updated to include revisions to K-8 transportation once approved at the November board meeting and tracking to Governance for January 2020.

Bell Times

Staff will be undertaking a review of all school bell times in the TDSB. The bell time review will help support optimization of our transportation network. Bell time changes are likely to be recommended, allowing for buses to make multiple runs.

LTPAS – Long Term Program and Accommodation Strategy, 2019-2028

The LTPAS includes a new potential FI secondary school in Etobicoke. Note, the LTPAS was completed in Spring 2019, so does not include elements of the French Review and subsequent approved FSL Recommendations. Anything regarding French is on hold, until the French Review implementation plan is completed. At this time, redirection of FSL students occurs if more students than projected arrive, as staffing changes cannot be accommodated. Starting in 2020-21, changes will be phased in over 5 years so that fewer students will be redirected.

FSL Recommendations and Implementation Plan

Relocation of existing programs and transportation work hand in hand. At the June 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, a proposed plan for the redistribution of programs is scheduled. Staff are working with the Research and Planning departments to determine the criteria for redistribution. The timelines for phase out of the Gr. 7 Extended French and Gr. 6 Intensive Extended French programs were approved by the Board. The lease agreement for Bannockburn property is expiring in June 2021 so it will be returning to the TDSB for use; it will be part of the considerations in the implementation plans. Lakeshore CI has been listed in the LTPAS document to be studied as possible secondary site for French Immersion, as Richview CI is full. This and other options will be explored in the implementation and redistribution of programs plan for FSL. Broad consultations with all stakeholders begin January 2020.

Secondary Review

The Secondary Review action plan approved by the board of Trustees will look at programs and courses offered at every site, related policies and procedures and enrolment. If the Ministry moratorium is lifted, closure options may be considered. Enrolment report presented at FBEC shows that 25 secondary schools are significantly over/under projection. The Secondary Review online survey will be open until January 31st, 2020. <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Secondary-Program-Review>

SK FI Application Process

Currently we have 2564 applicants to French Immersion SK. Our first of two virtual sessions was well attended on November 11 from 7-8pm. Next virtual session is scheduled for November 19, 10-11am.

French Teacher Recruitment Events

The FSL department is supporting Employee Services in the recruitment efforts at universities and visits with pre-service teachers, including: Apply to Education – Nov 8th, OISE – Dec 11th, Western Ontario – Jan 17th, Laurentian – Jan 24th, Ottawa – Feb 10th-13th and McGill – Feb 17th. Employee Services is tracking the success of our attendance at each session and how many FSL teachers are recruited.

Concours d'art Oratoire 2019-2020

The Concours d'art Oratoire is an annual French public speaking event for Grade 9-12 FSL students. Information has been distributed to all administrators and teachers. This year, there is a change from past practice on the part of CPF. For students in Grades 4-8 Core French, French Immersion and Extended French, there will no longer be a provincial event. The FSL department is committed to the continuation of the event at the Board level for students in Grades 4-8. TDSB contests will run in March 2020.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

Nil

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