



School District #83 (North Okanagan Shuswap)

French Advisory Committee (FAC)

October 30, 2014 Meeting

12:15-1:30 School District Office (Third Floor Boardroom)

Item	Notes	Action
1. Welcome and Introductions (Isabelle)	<p>2014/15 Committee: Isabelle Gervais, Principal, Bastion, FI Coordinator, SD #83 Selina Metcalfe, Parent, Bastion Megan Weir, Teacher, Bastion Carla Schneider, Vice-Principal, SMS Janice Tjaden, Parent, SMS Rob MacAulay, Principal, SAS Sophie Lawrence, Teacher, SAS Victoria Schipfel, Student, SAS Ravonne Foulger, Parent, Bastion Candice Lucey, Parent, SMS Amanda Argan, Teacher, SMS Bobbi Johnson, SD 83 Board Education Chairperson Wendy Woodhurst, Director of Instruction CPF representation – Blaine Carson</p>	
2. FAC Terms of Reference Review (Wendy)	<p>Handout – Purpose – The FAC works to enhance the quality of FI education in SD83 in a positive cooperative manner. The FAC is responsible for issues “and opportunities” related to FI and for making recommendations to district staff and the Board of Education is necessary. Committee will meet and make “recommendations” to the Board</p>	<p>FAC minutes will be posted on school & district websites</p>
3. Teacher Recruiting	<p>Parent/community involvement with teacher recruiting, Isabelle and Carla recruiting from universities, represented SD at a Career Fair – hoping to build a FI TOC pool Wendy met with a number of FI representatives from the lower mainland; felt our district didn’t have the same recruiting issues as other districts. Teachers want to live and teach in this area</p>	
4. CPF Release	<p>Re: enrolment (handout) “We believe French programs are popular in North Okanagan-Shuswap because they are widely recognized by parents as providing young students with the tools and experiences that will enrich their lives and help them prepare for the future,” said Patti Holm, President CPF. BC and Yukon Chart shows our enrollment will level off in the next couple of years once combine EFI and LFI groups reach grade 12.</p>	
5. Kindergarten Registration	<p>- Island information - newspaper article (handout) Goal is to see how many parents would want their children</p>	<p>Parents interested in the FI program, are asked to contact</p>

	<p>in the FI program if they did not have to line up on registration day.</p> <p>Wendy shared information from various school districts re: FI registration procedures</p> <p>Isabelle shared k enrollment results for this year, feels confident that students on a waitlist will eventually get into the program in grade 1</p>	Isabelle @ Bastion Elem.
6. SAS enrolment	<p>Projections and impacts (handout)</p> <p>Sophie spoke on enrollment levels at SAS – Late Immersion Grade 12 at 39 –</p>	SAS teachers and principal meeting with Rob at 2:00
7. Other - Budget	<p>Budget – Early FI program hired a CEA to help support students with additional practice, reading strategies, and help develop confidence. Making sure at risk students are taken care of at an early stage.</p> <p>3 SD 83 teachers were sponsored by SD 83 to attend a 3 week French program in Quebec</p> <p>Needing to revisit the FSL program – Core French Secondary teachers to be involved</p> <p>Other cultural activities (films) to involve students and community/parents</p> <p>Retaining teachers – helping fund 5th year degree</p> <p>Less funds to schools this year – district to help more with program support/services</p> <p>2014/15 Preliminary French Funding and Budget Allocation - Plan A and Plan B to be reviewed</p>	<p>Budget Plan A or Plan B will be determined after 2:00 meeting.</p> <p>Results shared at January FAC.</p>
8. Next meeting dates	<p>January 29th – 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>April 30th – 12:15 p.m.</p>	