



## Community Advisory Committees

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

**Meeting Date:** 11 June 2019

A meeting of the French As A Second Language Community Advisory Committee convened on 11 June 2019 from 7:05 to 9:16 pm in Committee Room A at 5050 Yonge Street with Mandy Moore presiding.

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**Attendance:** Parent Members: Mandy Moore (Parent Co-Chair W7), Sharon Beason (Parent Vice-Co-Chair W16), Christie Dunbar (Parent Vice-Co-Chair W16 Alt), Rosemary Sutherland (Parent Vice-Co-Chair W9/10 Alt), Matt Forrest (W9), Charles Zhu (W11), Wilmar Kortleever (W11 Alt), Randy Samuel (W14), Sarah Smith (W15), Gail Miller (W22)

Also present were: Mary Cruden (Canadian Parents for French)

The following participated by electronic means: Randy Samuel (W14)

**Regrets:** Trustee Robin Pilkey (Trustee Co-Chair), Trustee Rachel Chernos Lin, Trustee Michelle Aarts, Beth Butcher (Executive Superintendent), Angela Caccamo (Centrally Assigned Principal), Kirsten Johnston (Program Co-ordinator, FSL), Zeynab Kazi (Parent Vice-Co-Chair W22), Lisa McAvoy (W2), Rob Janes (W2 Alt), Nalini Singh (W2 Alt), Deloris Williamson-Braham (W5), Laura Steele Gunter (W7 Alt), Lynne LeBlanc (W8), Nadya Phelan (W8 Alt), Polina Osmerkina (W10), Elaine Sun (W11 Alt), Sarah Ramkissoon (W12), Nancy White (W16 Alt)

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### Part A: Recommendations

Nil

### Part B: For Information Only

**Annual General Meeting:**

**Approval of FSLAC Annual Report and Election of 2019-20 Executive:**

Parent Co-Chair: Mandy Moore (W7)

Parent Vice-Co-Chairs: Matt Forrest (W9), Charles Zhu (W11), Zeynab Kazi (W22)

FSLAC members and alternates serve 2-year terms, renewable in odd years as per Terms of Reference. As such, FSLAC members re-appointed a non-voting community member from Canadian Parents for French, Mary Cruden for a 2 year term with Rosemary Sutherland and Sharon Beason as alternates.

NB: Trustees who have not already done so, are encouraged to renew and/or fill vacancies for FSLAC members/alternates by the end of 2019.

**2019-20 Proposed Budget**

Members discussed how cuts to transportation will adversely affect families and access to French Immersion/Extended which could reduce enrolment in the programs and FSL revenue.

Concern expressed for families for whom loss of TTC tickets will be an unexpected financial burden and how continued access to tickets for those in need will be communicated. Parent co-chair will raise this with Associate Director Witherow.

**Update French Review Recommendations**

Members discussed how the 5-day window of publication of recommendations, opportunity to comment and Trustee decision is insufficient for affected parents and communities to fully understand and comment on the staff recommendations:

1. Restructure the Board's Intensive FSL Programs leading to a single intensive French Immersion (FI) Program model with two entry points, and elimination of all other entry points and Recommendation
2. Establish a minimum intake and a maximum cap at the entry points to ensure program viability and account for attrition rates are not detailed enough to evaluate ; not detailed enough information to play out.
3. Develop a Core French Action Plan;
4. Ensure Inclusive Practices in all FSL Programs;
5. Strengthen the current Plan for the Recruitment and Retention of FSL Teachers

Recommendations 1 and 2 are of great concern for equity and inclusion and growth in French programs. Recommendations 3-5 align with FSLAC recommendations to the Board made at the Program and School Services Committee in April 2019. FSLAC questions were submitted to staff prior to the FSLAC meeting. Staff responded that they would present the recommendations and answer

Trustee questions at the Committee of the Whole June 12, 2019 with no opportunity for the FSLAC or the public to ask questions.

FSLAC members expressed concern about the proposed redistribution plan, transportation plan and rewrite of PR597 for which no details were provided and no consultation was planned. PR597 contains important commitments by the Board including a spot for every on-time applicant, the accommodation of siblings and adding new sites.

FSLAC written and oral delegation will share concerns of FSLAC with Trustees at Committee of the Whole June 12, 2019.

**Meeting Dates for 2019-20**

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Monday, June 8, 2020

**Part C: Ongoing Matters**

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