

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Name: French Service Language Advisory Committee (FSLAC)

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Time: 7pm

Present: Robin Pilkey (Trustee Co-Chair); Kristina Laperle, Parent Co-Chair (W17); Betheney Maheu, Parent Vice-Chair (W11, 13, Alt); Dina Pizolinas (W2); Matt Forest (W9); Rosemary Sutherland (W9, Alt); Sarah Warden (W10); Lauralyn Johnston (W8); Sharon Kerr (W13, W21); Wilmar Koortleever (W13, Alt); Mary Cruden (Canadian Parents for French)

Teleconference: David Kim (W3); Laura Steele-Gunter (W7); Peggy Dufresue (W19); Kingsley Kwok (W20)

TDSB: John Tancredi (Central Co-ordinating Principal); Kirsten Johnston (Program Co-ordinator FSL)

Guests: Joanne Griffith (W21); June Griffith (W21); Stephanie Rickard Chadda (W11-teleconference)

Recorder: Linda Mendonca (Committee Assistant)

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/MOTION
1. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions	Meeting called to order at 7:29pm. Chair Kristina Laperle welcomed everyone and introductions were done.	
2. Approval of Quorum - Membership Review	Quorum was achieved at 7:29pm. Membership Updates No membership updates at this time. Trustee Pilkey requested information from the Co-Chairs on wards currently missing representatives on FSL. She will follow up with other Trustees to	Co-chairs to provide Trustee Pilkey with list of Wards missing representatives for follow up with Trustees.



	ensure representation from missing wards.	
3. Approval of Agenda	<p>***Motion: Lauralyn Johnston, seconded by Sarah Warden, moved to approve the agenda with the following amendments. All approved. Motion carried.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Move Staff Report (Item #7) after Co-Chair’s Report 2.) Add Whistle Blowers, Learning Opportunities Index(LOI), and Long-Term Pupil Accommodation Strategy(LTPAS) Under Co-Chair’s Report 3.) Add 2015 FSL Executive Plans under Item #6 	
4. Approval of Minutes	<p>***Motion: Betheney Maheu, seconded by Sarah Warden, moved to approve the April 21st minutes. All approved. Motion carried.</p>	
5. Chair’s Report	<p>FSLAC Response for the Hall Committee on TDSB Governance</p> <p>Consultation questions were circulated to FSL last Friday. Members were asked for any additional comments/feedback and asked to make final submissions by tomorrow, Wednesday, May 20th.</p> <p>Some members who attended the consultation expressed that the format was somewhat frustrating because it did not allow for free expression. It was challenging to share opinions.</p> <p>Kristina will attend Ministry Consultation tomorrow. Further consultations will be held on May 23rd, May 28th, & May 30th. Members were encouraged to participate where possible.</p>	
6. Staff Report	<p>DELF Updates</p> <p>48 Students applied to take the exam for A2, B1, and B2. Students from Core French, Extended French and French Immersion self-identified the exam they wish to take. Most of the students were B2’s.</p> <p>PARTS – Updates</p> <p>At this time in the PART process, it seems likely that Lord Lansdowne will become a French Immersion centre. There are still discussions regarding the grade range for Lord Lansdowne.</p>	



	<p>At this time in the PART process, it seems likely that D.A. Morrison will be welcoming the Gledhill/Earl Beatty students as the middle level FI pathway. Two weeks ago, the public PART meeting at D.A. Morrison was well attended. Gledhill parents expressed concerns about grade range changes as they liked having grade 6. LTPAS (Long Term Pupil Accommodation Strategy) is looking at grade range changes as a possibility due to space issues.</p> <p>Enrolment Report Update</p> <p>Central Co-ordinating Principal, John Tancredi shared the confidential Enrolment report with members for review and discussion. The report was produced in collaboration with FSLAC, Trustees, and the TDSB Planning Department. Highlights from the discussion included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) New Sites: 1 new French Immersion (Earl Haig); 3 new Extended French (Cliffside, Dundas, Forrest Hill) 2.) Everyone who applies on time is guaranteed a spot 3.) Some are re-directed based on the most geographically sound re-directions 4.) Some accept re-directions easily, while others do not 5.) There has been a drop in re-directions (11% in 2014 to 7% in 2015) 93% of students were placed in their expected schools; LTPAS helped with re-directions 6.) Some parents do not know what “guaranteed placement in the program” and “re-directions” mean due to language barriers. Need to clarify statement to ensure they understand. 7.) Statement on website/registration form should read something like, “You will still be guaranteed a spot but it may be at a different school.” 8.) If a parent accepts a redirection in the hopes of getting back into their home school in the future, it will be up to the parent to continue to stay in contact with the home school. For Early French Immersion, the waitlist created is maintained until the last day of December in that school year. The TDSB does not follow-up with waitlists beyond that time. <p>A handful of schools including Greenholme, J.R. Wilcox, Lord Lansdowne, Alexander Stirling, Chief Dan George are not receiving as many applicants as they can</p>	<p>Co-Chairs/John Tancredi to circulate additional statements to go on PARS applications by e-mail for comment/feedback.</p>
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	<p>accommodate. Greenholme (combined 4, 5 in a grade 4 entry extended program) registrations will need to increase to maintain the program at this school in future years.</p> <p>Discussion: TDSB needs to find solutions to areas with long-standing space issues where a school may have had to redirect students for several years in a row; this includes some schools with no feeders at all.</p> <p>North Agincourt to Stirling is 10.0 kms. Request made to consider Military Trail as a future site for French Immersion. Parents want their children to be closer to home.</p> <p>Greenholme may need additional support to ensure equity and access to the program in North Etobicoke</p> <p>On May 26, the Enrolment Report will be formally presented by staff to the Board Program & School Services Committee (PSSC). Kristina will give an oral report to PSSC summarising the FSLAC response to the report. Other members are encouraged to attend.</p>	
<p>7. TDSB FSL Programs & FSLAC – Reflections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<p>2015/2016 Executive Plans: Elections Process</p> <p>Parent Chair/Vice Co-Chair Elections will be held at the June meeting. Anyone interested in running for Parent Chair/Co-Vice Chair, are asked to email Mary Cruden (past co-chair and Chief Returning Officer) to let her know so that she can prepare ballots. Quorum is required at the next meeting in order to approve the FSLAC Annual Report and hold the election. Items will be timed in consideration of how busy June is for every parent. A notice will go out to the membership.</p>	
<p>8. Ward Reports</p>	<p>The following Ward Reports were provided:</p> <p>Ward 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members encouraged to refer to Long Term Pupil Accommodation Strategy (LTPAS) on website under About Us, Program Planning & Strategy regarding French Immersion 	<p>Kristina to send link via e-mail</p>



	<p>implications</p> <p>Ward 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joanne Griffith, parent from Ward 21, asked if it was possible for students hoping to attend French Immersion Summer School program at Brimwood to be bussed. Students have had a rough year with multiple occasional teachers and the summer program would help make up for the year <p>Staff response: Unfortunately transportation cannot be provided as cost for 19 days is \$4500. Staff must also be on-site at pick up and drop off locations to ensure students leave/arrive safely and are accounted for. If a parent missed the pick up, there would be no staff at the drop off school to assume responsibility for the child and no staff remaining at Brimwood because the program is half day.</p>	<p>to LTPAS (Long Term Pupil Accommodation Strategy)</p> <p>John will talk to Principal at Chief Dan George</p>
9. Other Business	None noted	
10. Next Meeting Date	June 16, 2015	
11. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm	

