

Minutes for the FIAC meeting of Wednesday, January 21, 2015
7:00-9:00 pm – Education Centre HWDSB

Present FIAC voting members: Lisa Urban, Lisa Breton, Joanne Thompson, Sylvia Jarrett, Sue Zdero, Michael Cain, Allan Curnew

Present FIAC non-voting members: Manny Figueiredo, Christine Rees, JoAnne AuCoin, Todd White, Penny Deathe, Melanie Roberts, Sharon Metcalfe, Lynda Newkirk

Other:

Regrets: Denise Massie, Jackie Brown, Lindsay Snell, Catherine Roberts

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES
1. Welcome & Introductions		
2. Community announcements	<p>a. Denise Massie – Canadian Parents for French Hamilton-Wentworth The date for our annual Frenchapalooza has been changed to Thursday, April 9th, 6:30pm-8:00pm at A.M. Cunningham. We are planning a French book sale, information sessions for parents, and free childcare. The details of our speakers are still being finalized and will be posted on our website soon. This event is open to all families in the Hamilton-Wentworth area with children in French Immersion</p> <p>b. Lisa Breton - Centre français Hamilton Shows: Les Chiclettes Comedy Cabaret January 31 121 Hugson Street (Spice Factory) YAO Poet, slam, blues and jazz February 28th 95 King St E (Mills Hardware) FSL teachers are subsidized to attend these shows.</p> <p>Events: Juno Awards will be held in Hamilton this upcoming March 15th. The city of Hamilton is coordinating activities leading up to</p>	

	<p>the Gala. Centre français Hamilton is coordinating a series of francophone concerts, a francophone singer song writer circle, a hockey viewing party with the help of some of our well known francophone Canadian artists. Visit our website after January 27th for the schedule.</p> <p>JUNOfest March 12th-15th</p>	
<p>3. Approval of the minutes</p>	<p>Proposed by Lisa Urban Seconded by Sue Zdero</p>	
<p>4. Business arising</p>	<p>a. Guy Brown – Westdale transportation for extracurricular activities Superintendent Manny Figueiredo looked into late bus services and was informed that they do exist for extracurricular activities. If there is a consistent demand for a late bus, a request can be made to the school board. A bus costs \$12 000 - \$15 000 a year. A concern arose regarding budgets attributed for late bussing when the issue of grade 6 students who are required to take public transit continues. It did not seem fair that monies were being allocated to late service elective activities when a security concern persists. A clarification was made that not all extracurricular activities were volunteer and some activities were mandatory. For these students, there is no public transportation available whatsoever.</p> <p>b. Change to FI directive Trustee Todd White informed the group that in order to add a member, FIAC must advise Manny Figueiredo who will inform the board. FIAC is entitled to 13 voting members. Currently FIAC has 12 voting members.</p> <p>c. Transforming Learning Everywhere Manny Figueiredo gave a presentation on the TLE program which is in Phase 1. Some concerns arose regarding the implementation of the program for the younger age group and discussed their concerns of monitoring screen time, adult content, BYOD, etc.</p>	

	<p>Manny Figueiredo explained the board is working hard at evaluating the efficacy of integration and trying to approach the implementation gradually which comes with certain challenges. Comments and feedback are being noted and helping with the future development of the program.</p> <p>d. Terms of reference There will be one general directive for all advisory committees. Information that existed in the previous Terms of reference is present in the Directive. No information has been lost.</p>	
<p>3. New Business</p>	<p>a. Accommodation issue Lynda Newkirk brought to FIAC’s attention, an overcrowding issue at Guy-Brown. Superintendent Manny Figueiredo and Trustee Penny Deathe explained that ARC does not need to be in place to study the situation for eventual situations. The Board is actively evaluating a short-term solution that will allow sufficient time to identify an effective long-term approach for the school.</p>	
<p>4. Reports</p>	<p>a. Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised FSL curriculum training took place on January 13 and 14th, similar to elementary in that it includes Intercultural Awareness, Sociolinguistic conventions, Metacognition much more detailed and specifies very clearly regarding strategies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Large document that includes all 3 programs, examples, prompts and instructional tips do not have to be grade specific ○ Also new courses Core French open but also the French Immersion Applied ○ This led to both schools offering Applied and Academic French but also the other compulsories, math, geo, science for grade 9 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concours d'art oratoire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ March 11, 12, 24, 25 ○ Judges community members, partners, former staff and RCMP • Forest of Reading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 sets of books purchased for all FI school libraries ○ Provided with online activities, blogs, etc. • Student Empowerment conference---every student can make a difference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Books and lessons prepared for FI ○ First Nation, Environment, Social Justice <p>Contact Ontarois-Ottawa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning to explore with the help of Centre Français and networking with Francophone boards to plan cultural programming for September 2015 school year. • It's important to expose our students to authentic Francophone arts and culture <p>Centre Français</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400th anniversary of Francophonie in Ontario, Benoit from the Centre can visit schools and present the history and follow up with a project such as creating slogans, art canvas etc. This is available to all programs and all grades. <p>FI Immersion grade 1 entry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New booklet on the website and in schools • French Immersion nights at EK (Cootes) and Lawfield (Norwood) • Next session on January 26th at A.M. Cunningham also includes Glen Echo • February 4th at Dundana also for Fessenden and Guy Brown 	<p>Manny Figueiredo will bring results of financial revision to the upcoming meeting.</p> <p>Todd White will provide a summary of the Program Committee's discussion on courtesy spots.</p>
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	<p>b. Trustee Report</p> <p>The motion by FIAC to have the Program Committee evaluate the courtesy seats has been received positively. The program Committee will discuss the situation at their upcoming meeting February 12th 3pm. Although Trustee Todd White will not be present during the Program Committee meeting, a report will be available for FIAC in April.</p> <p>The motion by FIAC to provide more information regarding the estimated expense to add buses for grade 6, has been granted. This type of request requires human resources and time. Results of the revision will be presented at the next FIAC meeting.</p> <p>c. Sherwood Transition Committee</p> <p>Both academic and applied programs will be available for FI students at Sherwood. Strings will be available if the demand exists. Parents would like more details about the renovation plans and schedule. There are currently 99 students projected to enrol. The Board is currently starting to map locations of incoming students in order to propose a transportation plan.</p>	
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Upcoming Meetings: April 1st, May 27th, 2015