

The Minutes of the French as a Second Language Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. via Google Meet using this meeting link: <https://meet.google.com/aus-thhd-mbx>

## PRESENT

Trustees/Members: Trustee Mary Ann Martin, Stacey Sambrook, Mandy-Sure Dubriel-Citro, Kathryn Lesperance, Lynne Milette-Carroll, Donna Paquette, Natacha Couillard, Melanie Bergeron-Langlois, Lisa Heitzner, Shannon O'Neill, Nancy McCarthy

Absent/Regards: Aniela d'Avernas, Trustee Jenny Leahy, Alan Morin, Meaghan Tahon

Administration: Sheila Piggott

Recorder: Shannon Carr

## **A. Call to Order:**

1. Territorial Recognition - Lisa Heitzner

Sheila asked Lisa to lead with Territorial Recognition.

2. Opening Prayer - Sheila Piggott

Sheila led with Opening Prayer.

3. Welcome & Introductions

Sheila welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Sheila asked that everyone introduce themselves and their role within the board.

4. Additions to the Agenda

None.

5. Approval of the Agenda

**MOTION:** Moved by Nancy McCarthy, seconded by Lynne Milette-Carroll, that the Agenda be approved.

Carried

6. Approval of the [Minutes](#) of the Meeting held on November 8, 2023

**MOTION:** Moved by Donna Paquette, seconded by Kathryn Lesperance, that the Minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

## 7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

### B. Discussion/Presentations:

#### 1. Updating terms of reference - Sheila

Sheila reviewed the current Terms of Reference with the Committee. Sheila asked if the committee felt the Terms of Reference needed to be revised and if so, what would they like to see changed? No members put forth any comments or suggestions.

#### 2. Update of FSL Activities - Nancy

Nancy reviewed what was discussed at the previous meeting held on November 8th. Nancy reviewed items regarding French as a Second Language (FSL) Enriched School Environment Grant, Acadience training for all teachers to support literacy, visits to schools to support structured literacy K-2. Nancy also advised the three schools (Good Shepherd, St. Anne and St. Catherine) that have been approved for different Professional Learning Communities (PLC).

Nancy reviewed what is upcoming from now until the end of the year. The board received some money from the Government to support Approche Neurolinguistique (ANL) Training for French teachers. The training will focus on oral language acquisition to develop internal grammar, a literacy-based perspective, and interactive teaching strategies in authentic situations. This is a 4-day session, with 2 days in June and the other in 2 days in the fall. A total of 45 core and French immersion teachers will participate.

At the end of May 2024, 3 teachers will be trained as new DELF Correcteur-Examineur. PVNC Catholic will have 6 teachers that will need to be recertified prior to the DELF for next year. Nancy will be looking at planning the training sessions and details for that will be forthcoming. Nancy asked the committee "Is there a need for a November option for students to challenge the DELF? Do we have students taking FSL4 Courses in the fall semester?". Nancy stated she will send an email out to staff getting their opinion on this, specifically Secondary staff.

Nancy reviewed the 2024 DELF information/results with the committee:

- i. April 15 at St. Peter Catholic Secondary School, 61 students participated with 54 students successfully passing (88.5%). All students taking the B2 and A2 exam were 100% successful. 39 out of the 41 students taking the B1 exam were successful with a 84.7% success rate.
- ii. From May 13-21, students will take the DELF exam at St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School. A total of 63 students have registered, 12 students taking the B2 exam, 46 students taking the B1 exam and 5 students taking the A2 exams.

Nancy acknowledged the staff members that have helped and continue to help facilitate the DELF exam.

Nancy advised that Stacey Sambrook will be going into the schools and provide professional development sessions in June. These sessions will focus on K-2 classes. The focus will be on how do we use the resources already in our

classroom to support structured literacy? This session is to replace the second French Immersion / SPEC Ed Professional Development Session that is usually held at the board office. This format is to be able to address specific needs within the specific classroom and/or school that would not be feasible in a big group setting at the board office.

**C. Information Items:**

1. Member updates - All

No members provided an update.

**D. Next Committee Meeting:**

1. To be determined
2. Selection of member for Territorial Recognition for next meeting
  - a. Lynne Milette-Carroll
3. Selection of member for Opening Prayer for next meeting
  - a. Lisa Heitzner
4. Selection of member for Closing Prayer for next meeting
  - a. Jenny Leahy

**E. Conclusion**

1. Closing Prayer - Nancy McCarthy

Sheila asked Nancy to lead with Closing Prayer.

2. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Moved by Nancy McCarthy, seconded by Lisa Heitzner  
The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.