



# District School Board Ontario North East

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**Minutes of the  
French as a Second Language Advisory Committee (FSLAC)  
Wednesday, June 21, 2017  
at  
Schumacher Board Office**

**MINUTES** of the French as a Second Language Advisory Committee (FSLAC) Meeting held in the Schumacher Board Office on **Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.**

**TRUSTEES:**

Dennis Draves                      Trustee, Chair of FSLAC  
Rosemary Pochopsky              Trustee  
Bob Brush                            Trustee (until 10:50)

**BOARD STAFF REPRESENTATIVES:**

Linda Knight                        Director of Education  
Maria Sheculski                    Board Lead for French as a Second Language  
Hailey Brooks                      Teacher, Ross Beattie Sr. Public School  
Monique Roy                        Teacher, KLDCS (until 10:30 a.m.)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Lynda Mitchell                    Principal, Bertha Shaw Public School  
Sheila Siermachesky              Vice Principal, Timiskaming District Secondary School  
Michelle Leigh                    Superintendent of Schools  
Annie Tremblay                    Teacher, École Secondaire Cochrane High School  
Dan Card                            Teacher, Englehart High School

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Susan Allen                        Executive Assistant to the Director of Education

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Chair Dennis Draves.

**CARRIED**

**2. Adoption of the Agenda:**

**MOVED by Bob Brush**

**Seconded by Haley Brooks**

**THAT the Agenda of the FSLAC for June 21, 2017 be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**3. Adoption of Minutes of June 22, 2016**

**Moved by: Maria Sheculski**

**Seconded by: Haley Brooks**

**THAT the Minutes of the French as a Second language Advisory Committee held on June 15, 2016 be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**4. PD offered and next steps: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners**

Maria summarized the new focus, based on the Framework for 2017-2018, as the Board supports classroom teachers and administrators in the areas of competencies aligned for 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners. The Framework will be shared with all in early September with goals for FSL specified, noting a shift in focus on PD (e.g. moderated marking); the Committee

will be updated on progress and results.

**5. DELF: our learning (in our 3<sup>rd</sup> year participating)**

Maria showed the DELF results submitted to the Ministry, with 8 of our 16 students involved in the B2 and B1 levels of this Ministry Immersion project. Overall, the students did quite well in oral and written comprehension and creativity. Ongoing reassessment of our programming as related to the assessments will serve to benefit our future DELF students. Maria then presented totals for all 16 of our students involved in DELF at the Board level. Maria confirmed that the DELF is available to everyone, not just secondary students as sponsored by the Board.

**6. Camp Bickell – Je suis CAPABLE!**

Haley reported on this year's camp with 40+ Grade 7 students participating over the 2 days. She and Maria summarized the positive experience with great student participation and also included some of their survey comments/suggestions for future camps. A restructuring of the experience will include recognition of need for more support for language (i.e. for instructions for activities), while many of the activities and guest presenters had positive full student engagement.

Discussion included possibly lengthening the number of days for the French Camp, adding a second camp, or, due to limitation of scheduling times and size for Camp Bickell, possibly changing the venue (e.g. exchange with students in a Quebec community or a Francophone camp).

**7. Conversation with Ministry for next steps 2017-2018**

Maria summarized her conversation with the Ministry last week, discussing DSB1 priorities, progresses, and next steps under the 3 Provincial Goals of FSL:

1. increase student confidence, proficiency & achievement in FSL;
2. increase the percentage of students studying FSL until graduation
3. increase student, educator, parent and community engagement in FSL

**8. Other items**

Dennis expressed support on behalf of the three trustees and proposed Maria meet with the new Director to assess priorities for FSL and our Committee.

**NEXT MEETING: September – October 2017, with date to be determined**

**9. Adjournment:**

**Moved by: Rosemary Pochopsky**

**Seconded by: Linda Knight**

**THAT we do now adjourn**

**CARRIED**

*The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.*