

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE CENTRE FOR EDUCATION IN STONY PLAIN, ALBERTA ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

Eric Cameron, Board Chair Kathleen Linder, Vice Chair Ron Heinrichs, Education Committee Chair Dorcas Kilduff, Trustee

Elsie Kinsey, Trustee
Sally Kucher-Johnson, Trustee
Tim Monds, Superintendent
Dianne McConnell, Associate Superintendent
Kelly Wilkins, Deputy Superintendent
Scott Johnston – Associate Superintendent

Carolyn Cameron – Division Principal
Diane Lander – Curriculum Facilitator
Cheryl Johnson – Principal, Ecole Meridian Heights
Berenice MacKenzie – Assistant Principal, EMH
Linnaea Nielsen – Assistant Principal, Ecole Broxton Park

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Ron Heinrichs, Chair of the Education Committee, followed by a welcome and introductions.

ACTION ITEMS

What is the current reality of French Immersion Programming in PSD - Context Setting

- Chairman Ron Heinrichs welcomed the panel guests and invited Dianne McConnell to provide introductory comments about the opening presentation.
- Dianne McConnell thanked the chair and introduced Carolyn Cameron, Division Principal to introduce the panel and provide an overview of the presentation.
- Following the introduction of the panel the Education Committee received a PowerPoint presentation on the topic of the French Immersion story in PSD (attached).
- The presentation included the following key points:
 - o The PSD French Immersion program has high expectations for all students.
 - o French Immersion programming aligns with the division Education plan.
 - o PSD is focusing on building teacher capacity.
 - o Learning and student achievement is a primary focus.
 - The panel presented the committee with a number of perceived challenges or barriers that must be addressed.
 - o The panel also identified potential solution and responses to overcoming challenges.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next Education Committee Meeting will be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.