

## January 11, 2016 - EJPS School Council Minutes

Commencing Approx. 6:35p – Approx. 8:30p

1) Introductions -- had two visitors trustees Susan Moziar and Linda Busuttill) to discuss the French Review

2) Attendance

a. Becky and Amanda (Co-Chairs), Suzanne (Treasurer), Alana (Co-Secretaries and Communications), Christine, Maureen (PIC), Melanie, Elissa, Melissa, Katherine (Principal), Jill, plus several moms from Couling Crescent school -- Lindsay Glavez, Pamela from Couling school 6:45pm

Trustees and All: Community reviewed core French vs Immersion and options for programs going forward.

French Immersion enrollment is increasing.

Space is becoming an issue -- boundary reviews would be necessary repetitively

Finding qualified teachers

EJ is growing with the neighbourhood turn over and over enrollment has become a catalyst to this report... the whole city of Guelph is considered a hot spot.

Neighbourhood cycles run in 35yr cycles -- John McCrae, King George, John Galt were renovated due to age and asbestos.

Big concerns about the lottery - people wanted to know where to move to have all their kids go to the same school.

There is no one good solution.

Schools are concerned about French Immersion coming in and “taking over the school” and creates a rift between English and French.

No recruitment strategy from the board and now we’re at the crisis point. There are a surplus of teachers in areas like Windsor that won’t move here due to Guelph being more expensive but the board hasn’t created packages to promote Fergus, Ariss and other affordable areas.

How can we advocate for what we want?

Questions around what subjects could be not taught in French to reduce instruction time -- TBD

In order for this to pass the 10 trustees need to deliberate and common misconception is that French Immersion schools are better than regular schools. There needs to be an education around what each school provides and breakdown these misconceptions.

Talking points for delegations should be solution focused and when stating "we don't like this" and here's the action we'd like you to take. If giving written statements or making a presentation give it ahead of time.

There are 18 recommendations and they will be separated and gone through one by one.

Request status quo until parents can be properly informed.

There is an online petition that has been set up by EJ and Couling that will be shared.

The issue is about equity -- having a cap on JK/SK is not fair

Tomorrow the report is going to business operations

7:40pm

With remaining time EJ council completed some VOTES:

1) Movie Night VOTE - YES! to both movies :)

Hoodwinked SR 3-6

Ant Bully JR JK-3

2) \$270 needed for Pancake Tuesday - YES! -- amendment, Amanda was able to have the sunset grill provide the pancakes for 100 saving us 170.00

3) Photo booth for Family Fun Night? - YES!

4) LOTTERY -- Jill reported we didn't get west jet tickets this year, VOTED YES! to go ahead and have a lottery anyway -- Jill recommended we get prizes value of \$5000

8:00pm

Meeting ended