

French Review Committee 2015

Results of Online Parent Survey

October 2, 2015 – October 31, 2015

Response Summary

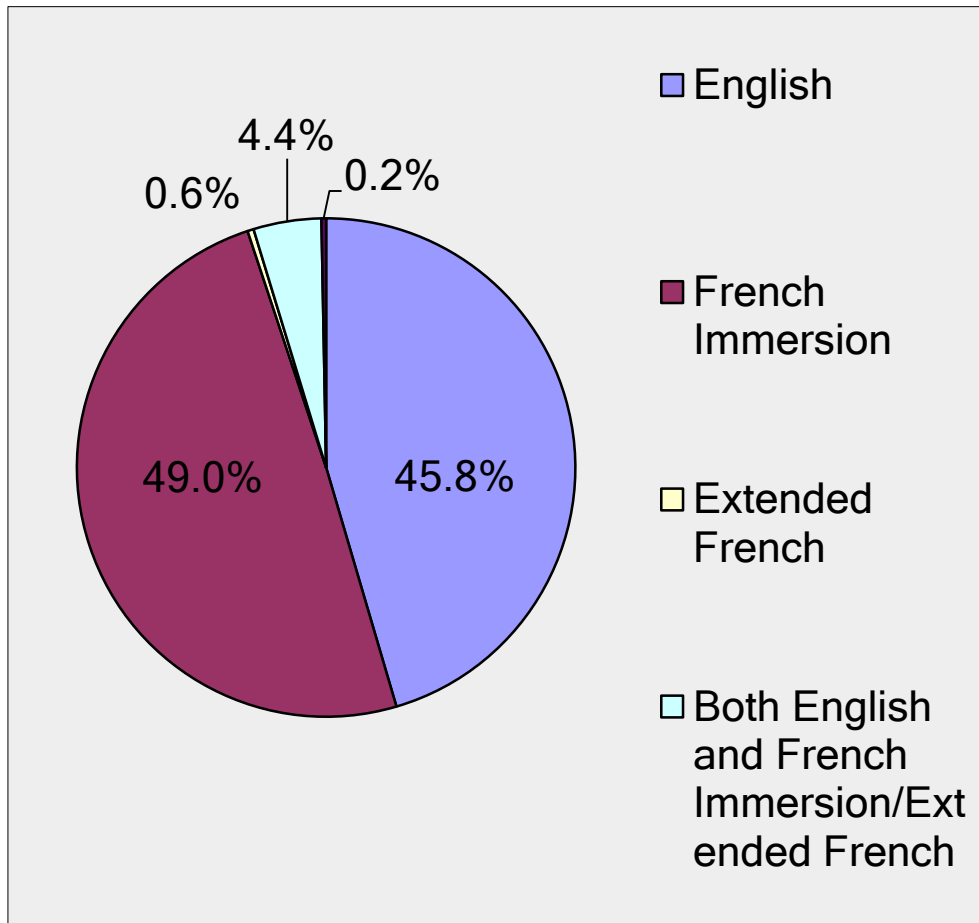
- 1,623 individual responses received
- Geographic distribution generally in line with enrolment distribution:

City of Guelph	40.3%
Township of Puslinch	1.2%
Town of Erin	7.0%
Township of Guelph/Eramosa	4.6%
Township of Centre Wellington	11.6%
Town of Orangeville	19.2%
Dufferin County (East Garafraxa, Mono, Amaranth, Town of Grand Valley, Mulmur, Melancthon, Town of Shelburne)	9.4%
North Wellington (Mapleton Township, Town of Minto, Township of Wellington North)	6.2%
Other (please specify)	0.6%

What grade(s) is/are your school aged child(ren) in?

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Answer Options	JK/SK	Grade 1-3	Grade 4-6	Grades 7-8	Grade 9	Grades 10-12	Response Count
Child #1	344	427	330	186	103	228	1618
Child #2	146	286	245	132	60	81	950
Child #3	32	50	66	32	11	34	225
Child #4	8	8	8	6	3	14	47
	530	771	649	356	177	357	2840
<i>answered question</i>							1623
<i>skipped question</i>							0

Which track is/are your school aged child(ren) enrolled in?



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Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
French Immersion	49.0%	794
English	45.8%	743
Extended French	0.6%	9
Both English and French Immersion/Extended French	4.4%	72
Both French Immersion and Extended French	0.2%	4
<i>answered question</i>		1622
<i>skipped question</i>		1

If your child(ren) is/are attending the English Track, why did you select that option over French Immersion? (Check all that apply)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
To ensure a solid foundation in English literacy and numeracy.	42.3%	300
To keep my child with their peers in their neighbourhood school.	33.5%	238
I want to be able to support my child with his/her homework	31.8%	226
I don't speak French	27.3%	194
I did not want my child to be bussed to another school location.	27.0%	192
I believed that Core French instruction was sufficient French instruction for my child.	21.8%	155
My child's language skills are delayed / I think my child will struggle in school in his/her first language	9.3%	66
I was not aware of the French Immersion program at the time of registering my child.	8.0%	57
My other children are in English Track	7.5%	53
Other (please specify)	22.1%	157
answered question		710
skipped question		913

'Other 'response summary

Main Themes	Response Percent	Response Count
Not necessary	10.2%	16
Not available	8.3%	13
Quality of program/teachers	7.6%	12
Too late to enter	7.6%	12
Gifted/IB	5.7%	9
Child's choice	4.5%	7
Learning disability	3.8%	6
Not at home school	3.8%	6
Another language	3.6%	4
Child struggled	3.2%	5
Focus on English	3.2%	5
Local school	3.2%	5
Transportation	2.6%	4
Secondary program	1.9%	3

If your child(ren) was/were previously enrolled in French Immersion and are now attending in the English Track, why did you decide not to continue with French Immersion?

Response summary

Main Themes	Response Percent	Response Count
Child Struggled	12.2%	11
Left for Gifted/IB	8.9%	8
Learning disability	8.9%	8
Location	8.9%	8
Quality of program/teachers	6.7%	6
Lack of resources/support	5.6%	5
Secondary location/course selection	5.6%	5
Focus on English	3.3%	3

Overall, how satisfied are you with Core French instruction?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Moderately satisfied	27.7%	180
Very satisfied	14.6%	95
Slightly satisfied	14.6%	95
Not at all satisfied	13.9%	90
Extremely satisfied	4.8%	31
Other (please specify)	24.3%	158
answered question		649
skipped question		974

"Other" response summary

Major Themes	Response Percent	Response Count
N/A - too young	66.5%	105
Earlier Core French	12.7%	20
Quality of program/teachers	4.4%	7

Are you planning to have your child(ren) continue Core French beyond Grade 9?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	46.1%	319
No	21.5%	149
Undecided	32.4%	224
<i>answered question</i>		692
<i>skipped question</i>		931

“Undecided” response summary

Main Themes	Response Percent	Response Count
Child's choice	32.0%	102
Wait and see	16.0%	51
Does not enjoy	11.9%	38
Not necessary	7.8%	25
Focus on English courses	4.4%	14
Prefer another language	3.8%	12
Learning disability	1.6%	5

If your child(ren) is/are now attending French Immersion/Extended French, why did you select that option? (check all that apply)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
To open doors for future opportunities	90.3%	762
To enhance my child's future career potential	80.0%	675
To increase my child's appreciation of other languages and cultures	68.8%	581
To become fluent in Canada's other official language	65.5%	553
To increase my child's opportunities for success in a rapidly changing global economy	63.6%	537
My child excels at school and needs to be challenged	28.1%	237
I think that students who learn French do better in school	25.2%	213
Positive reputation of the school	21.8%	184
I was an FI student	19.0%	160
To help my child get into a post-secondary institution	15.4%	130
My other children are in French immersion	10.7%	90
To help my child learn French—the language we speak at home	3.2%	27
The French immersion school is closer to us than our home school	2.6%	22
My child is eligible for busing to the French immersion program, but not to our home school	2.5%	21
My child's teacher(s) recommended it to us	1.5%	13
Other (please specify)	12.4%	105

answered question

844

skipped question

779

If you child(ren) is/are now attending French Immersion/Extended French, why did you select that option? (check all that apply) cont.

“Other” response summary

Main Themes	Response Percent	Response Count
For child's development	25.7%	27
French speaking family	24.8%	26
Don't like RT option	20.0%	21
Like-minded families	6.7%	7
Local school	2.9%	3

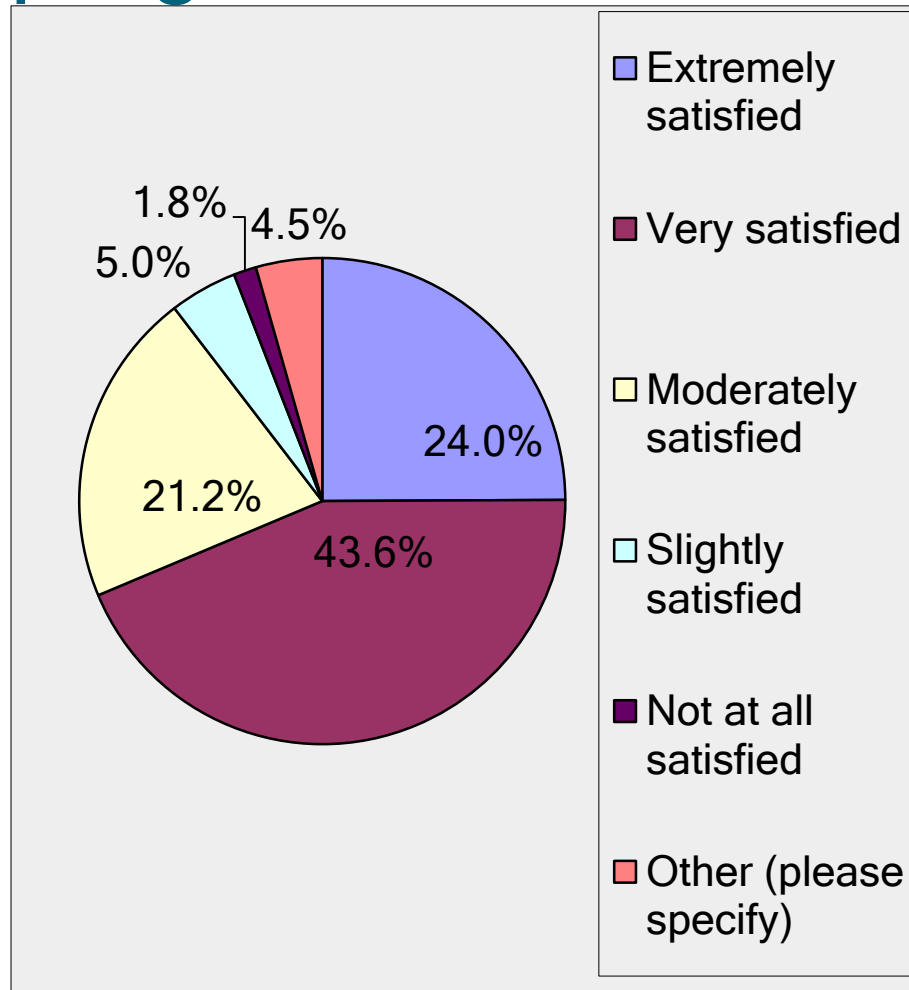
Would you still have considered French Immersion if it meant sending your child(ren) to another school outside of your neighbourhood?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	78.6%	665
No	16.7%	141
Not Applicable	4.7%	40
<i>answered question</i>		846
<i>skipped question</i>		777

Would you have registered your child(ren) for the French Immersion/Extended French program if bussing was not provided?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	42.2%	356
No	37.4%	316
Not Applicable	10.8%	91
Other (please specify)	9.6%	81
	<i>answered question</i>	844
	<i>skipped question</i>	779

Overall, how satisfied are you with the French Immersion/Extended French program?



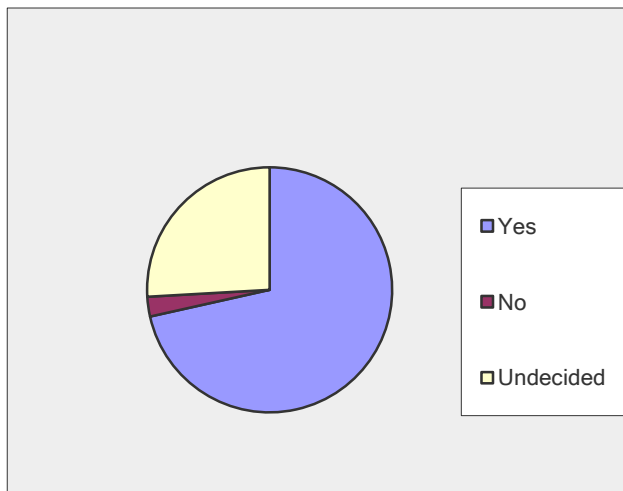
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very satisfied	43.6%	368
Extremely satisfied	24.0%	203
Moderately satisfied	21.2%	179
Slightly satisfied	5.0%	42
Not at all satisfied	1.8%	15
Other (please specify)	4.5%	38
answered question		845
skipped question		778

"Other" response summary

Main Themes	Response Percent	Response Count
Quality of program/teachers	34.21%	13
Too soon to tell	21.05%	8
Depends on school	5.26%	2

Are you planning to have your child(ren) continue French Immersion/Extended French beyond Grade 9?

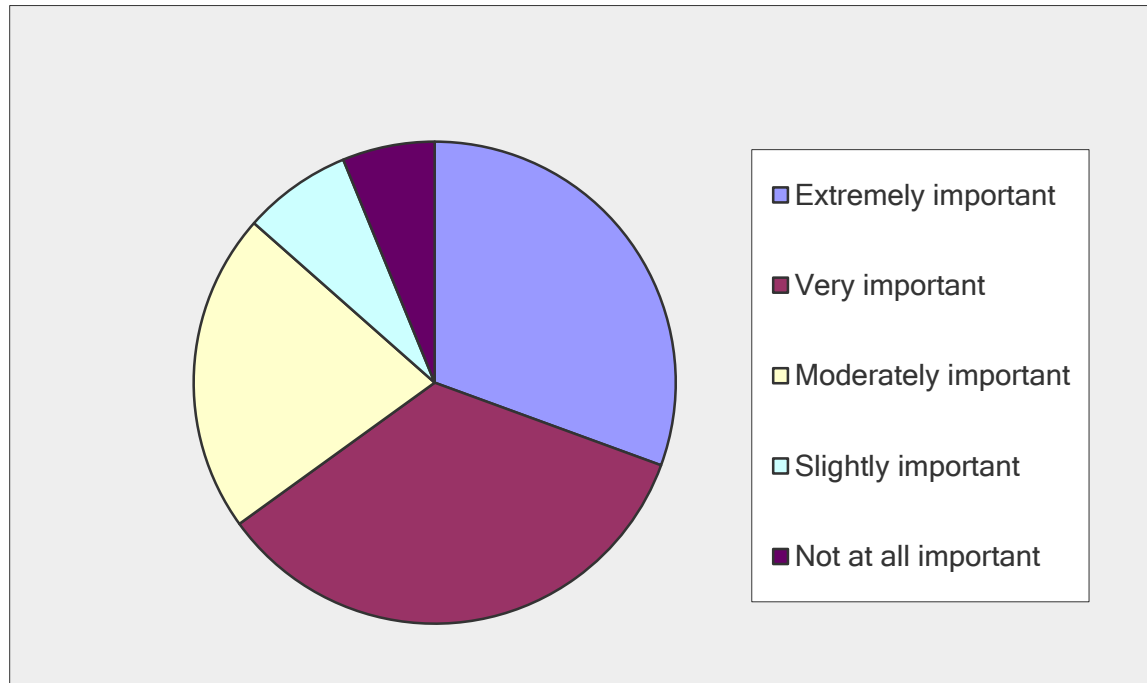
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	71.5%	605
No	2.6%	22
Undecided	25.9%	219
<i>answered question</i>		846
<i>skipped question</i>		777



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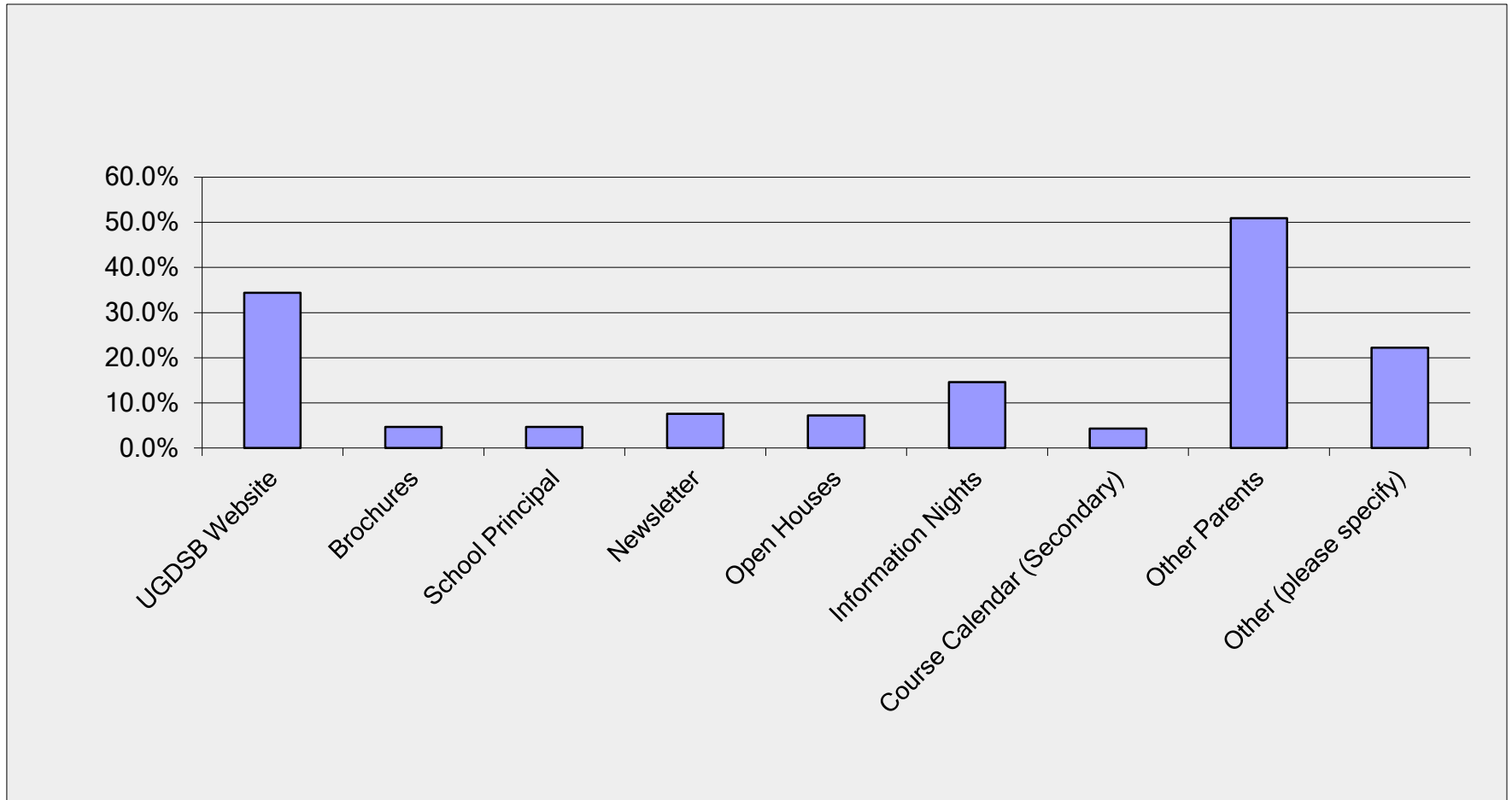
Main Themes	Response Percent	Response Count
Child's choice	32.0%	102
Orangeville/Dufferin program	20.6%	46
Wait and see	18.8%	42
Gifted/IB	7.6%	17
Depends on courses	7.2%	16
Focus on English	6.7%	15
Quality of program/teachers	4.5%	10
Depends on marks	4.0%	9

How important is bilingual education to you?



Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Extremely important	30.6%	447
Very important	34.5%	504
Moderately important	21.5%	315
Slightly important	7.3%	106
Not at all important	6.2%	90
answered question		1462
skipped question		161

Please identify how you became aware of French as a Second Language options in the UGDSB.



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Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Other Parents	50.9%	744
UGDSB Website	34.4%	503
Information Nights	14.6%	213
Newsletter	7.6%	111
Open Houses	7.2%	105
Brochures	4.7%	68
School Principal	4.7%	68
Course Calendar (Secondary)	4.3%	63
Other (please specify)	22.2%	324
<i>answered question</i>		1462
<i>skipped question</i>		161

"Other" response summary

Main Themes	Response Percent	Response Count
Own research/knowledge	33.3%	108
Own FI experience	17.3%	56
Teach/work in a school	13.6%	44
Not aware	8.3%	27
Family/friends	7.4%	24
Local school	3.4%	11
Newspaper	2.8%	9
Child	2.5%	8
School	2.2%	7
OEYC	0.9%	3

Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns?

	Response Count
	584
<i>answered question</i>	584
<i>skipped question</i>	1039

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Main Themes	Response Percent	Response Count
Quality of program/teachers	27.05%	158
Secondary program	11.99%	70
Accommodation	11.47%	67
Earlier Core French	10.96%	64
Orangeville comments	10.10%	59
Centre Wellington comments	5.82%	34
Erin comments	4.97%	29
French resources/support	4.79%	28
Later FI entry point	3.25%	19
Local school	3.25%	19
Math instruction in English	2.91%	17
More English instruction	2.57%	15
Transportation	2.40%	14
Language other than French	2.23%	13
Palmerston comments	2.23%	13
Gifted/IB	2.05%	12
Shelburne FI program	0.68%	4