

French Immersion Information Session

Fred Varley Public School
January 16, 2020

Today's Meeting

- Program Overview
- French Immersion: Considerations
- FSL Review/Accommodations
- Registration
- Transportation
- About Fred Varley Public School
- Feeder Schools

French as a Second Language Program

- YRDSB offers two quality French as a Second Language programs:
 - French Immersion, which starts in Grade 1 and is an optional program
 - Core French, which starts in Grade 4 and is mandatory

Program Overview

- Opportunity to learn language
- Designed for students whose first language is not French
- Long-term commitment
- Classes taught by teachers trained in second language instruction

Program Overview - Curriculum

- Standard French is taught
- Grades 1 - 3 taught entirely in French
- Mid-year most Grade 1 students are able to express themselves in French
- Grade 4 – 8: 50% English instruction begins; math taught in English

French Immersion: Considerations

- In French Immersion, students learn French and also learn IN French.
- It is important that they acquire strong French oral skills in order to learn to read, write and learn science, math, etc. in French.
- For the first few months of Grade 1, the children do not acquire skills identical to those learned by children in an English program as the focus is on building French literacy skills to support their learning in French.

French as a Second Language Review

- Goal: *To achieve high quality, sustainable French language instruction in YRDSB*
- Outcomes:
 - *Toolkit to address need for FI spaces and enable long-term accommodation plan*
 - *Consistency of programming*

Please visit www.yrdsb.ca for more information

FI Accommodation Plan

- FI program offered in a variety of settings:
 - Single Track
 - Dual Track
 - Primary Dual Track
 - Grade(s): 1, 1 – 2, 1 – 3
- This allows flexibility needed to address local needs across region

Registration

- FI registration will begin January 17, 2020
- Registration is not first-come, first-served
- You can register between January 17 and February 7, 2020

Current YRDSB SK Students

- Parents /guardians can visit or call their home school office and request an **Office Index Card - short version**. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school.
- Bring this form, along with one piece of identification showing address to register between January 17 and February 7, 2020 to the Grade 1 program FI school.

Non-YRDSB Students

- Families registering students who do not currently attend a YRDSB school will need to complete full registration paperwork at the Grade 1 FI program school.
- Information required for registration is outlined on the YRDSB website.

Late Registrations

- Late registrations are those submitted after February 7, 2020.
- Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

Transportation

- Transportation provided according to Board Policy #680.00 (see Board website).
- Bus stops located **centrally**.
- Visit www.schoolbuscity.com for bus information
- Students may be required to walk a few blocks to their bus stop.
- Pick-up times may be earlier or later than students in other schools.

About Fred Varley Public School

- school opened in 2015 - now in our 5th year
- Kindergarten to grade 8 in the English stream (approximately 340 students)
- Grade 1 and 2 French Immersion (approximately 260 students)

Black Walnut
Cornell Village
David Suzuki
Donald Cousens
Fred Varley

John McCrae
Legacy (east of 9th Line)
Little Rouge
Mount Joy
Rouge Park

Greensborough
William Armstrong (east of
9th Line)
Wismer
Sam Chapman

School Transition Plan

- French Immersion Orientation on Thursday, May 14, 2020
- Parent surveys and kindergarten report cards are very important for class placement
- More information is better
- Transition to Sam Chapman - Grade 2 Transition Day and transition meetings



Questions?