



"Together We Learn"

FRENCH IMMERSION MIDDLE SCHOOL OPTION FOR THE WESTSIDE

January 26, 2015



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- **Trustees**
- **Staff**



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BACKGROUND- BOARD MOTIONS

A District French Immersion Program Review process took place in 2010/2011. The following are excerpts from Motions passed by the Board of Education on January 12, 2011:

Motion 11P-004

- THAT: The Board continue to support the early French Immersion program model and not add a late French Immersion program option at this time.
- THAT: The Board maintain the French Immersion program in a dual track setting.
- THAT: Reconsideration of the delivery of French Immersion on the Westside take place in the future with consideration of a middle school French Immersion program on the Westside.



BACKGROUND- BOARD MOTIONS

In 2012 the Board of Education engaged in a comprehensive process that culminated in the development of a Long-Term Facility Plan. The following Motions related to French Immersion were passed:

June 13, 2012 Public Board Meeting - Motion 12P-091

“THAT: The French Immersion middle school program be decentralized to provide greater accessibility to French Immersion middle school students in outlying areas of the District, provided that the program is sustainable in terms of enrolment, location, form and cost.”

November 28, 2012 Public Board Meeting - Motion 12P-104

Westside Area:

- Create a middle French Immersion Program at Glenrosa Middle to sustain GMS enrolments and provide greater accessibility to students in the language program, providing it is sustainable in terms of enrolment, location, form and cost.



BACKGROUND-BOARD MOTIONS/ PARENT CONSULTATION

April 24, 2013 Public Board Meeting – Motion 13P-044

The Board of Education approved the Westside Area Work Plan that included the scheduling of a “public meeting on the concept of introducing a French Immersion Middle School Program to the Westside area”.

October 15, 2013 – An Information Meeting was held at Glenrosa Middle School

“Exploring a French Immersion Middle School Option for the Westside”

February 2014 – An online survey was conducted with French Immersion Program parents.

April 16, 2014 – A presentation was made to the Planning and Facilities Committee of the Board providing the complete results and report on the survey.



BACKGROUND-BOARD MOTIONS/ PARENT CONSULTATION

May 14, 2014 Public Board Meeting – 14P-088

“THAT: Consideration of the establishment of a French Immersion Program on the Westside to commence in September of 2015 be added to the staff Workplan for 2014/2015, and that the Workplan also include a study of the French Immersion enrolment patterns and facility requirements at École KLO Middle School.”

January 7, 2015 – Information item to the Board of Education at their Public Board Meeting outlining the next steps in the process.

January 26, 2015 – Parent Information Meeting held at École George Pringle Elementary School



CURRENT DEMOGRAPHICS

FRENCH IMMERSION ENROLMENT ÉCOLE GEORGE PRINGLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kindergarten	36
Grade 1	32
Grade 2	40
Grade 3	30
Grade 4	31
Grade 5	31
Grade 6	26
TOTAL	226



CURRENT DEMOGRAPHICS

ECOLE KLO MIDDLE SCHOOL ENROLMENT ACTUAL AND PROJECTIONS

Ministry Enrolment Capacity of École KLO Middle School <u>Building</u>	700
TOTAL Permanent and Temporary Space Enrolment Capacity of École KLO Middle School (Number of portable classrooms on site = 7)	850

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
KLO - English	449	433	407	387	379	386	389	358	339	321	332
KLO - Fr. Imm.	413	425	445	450	466	458	475	492	545	566	576
KLO - Total	862	858	852	837	846	854	864	850	884	887	908
Over (+)/ Under (-) Building Capacity (700)	+162	+158	+152	+137	+146	+154	+164	+150	+184	+187	+208



PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

- **A survey was conducted in February of 2014**
 - Surveys were sent home with every French Immersion student from École George Pringle Elementary School
 - 73 surveys were returned (representing > 50% of families)
- **The results of the survey were presented to the Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting on April 16, 2014**
 - The information was posted on the School District website.



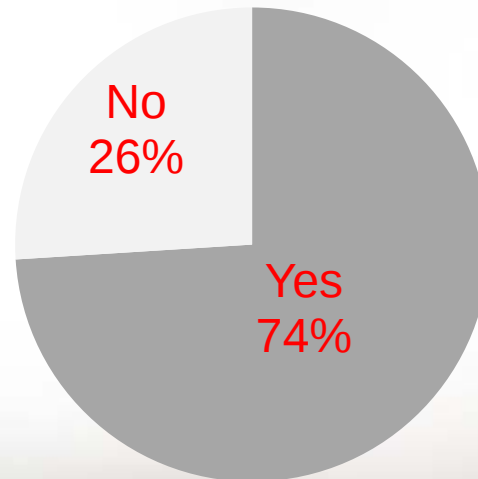
PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

Theme #1:

Strong support for Middle School French Immersion Program at Glenrosa Middle School

Do you support the establishment of a French Immersion Program at Glenrosa Middle School?

73 Responses





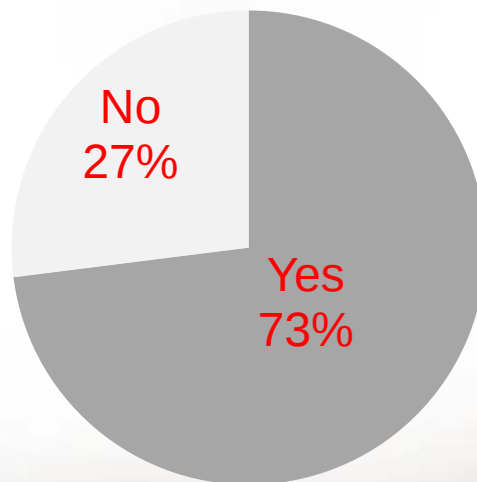
PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

Theme #2:

Commitment to attend French Immersion at Glenrosa Middle School

If there was a Middle School French Immersion Program at Glenrosa Middle School, would you have your child(ren) attend?

72 Responses





PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

Theme #3:

Ensure the Program quality is consistent with that offered at École KLO Middle School

- Teachers
- Resources
- Curriculum
- Opportunities



PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

Theme #4:

Expand the elementary offering of French Immersion to another school on the Westside

- Increase numbers
- Increase diversity
- Ensure long-term viability



THE PERSPECTIVE OF OUR PRINCIPALS

- **Growth of the Middle School French Immersion Program**
- **The middle school French Immersion curriculum**
- **Student Timetables**
- **KLO and GMS**



ÉCOLE KLO MIDDLE SCHOOL



Raquel Steen, Principal



THE GROWTH OF A PROGRAM KLO MIDDLE SCHOOL

- **KLO Secondary School (Gr. 8-12) - 1999**
 - 3 Immersion Teachers
 - Grade 8 Cohort
- **École KLO Middle School - 2000**
 - 5 Immersion Teachers
 - Grade 8 & 9 Cohorts
- **École KLO Middle School - 2001**
 - 7 Immersion Teachers
 - Grade 7, 8 & 9 Cohorts
- **École KLO Middle School 2014**
 - 13 Immersion Teachers
 - Grade 7, 8 & 9 Cohorts



STUDENT TIMETABLE

ENGLISH PROGRAM

- Science
- Social Studies
- Mathematics
- English
- Physical Education
- French/Exploratories
- Band and/or Exploratories
- M-Block/Health & Career Education

FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM

- Sciences Naturelles
- Sciences Humaines
- Mathématiques
- English
- Education Physique
- Français Langue
- Band and/or Exploratories
- M-Block/Health & Career Education



FRENCH IMMERSION AT ÉCOLE KLO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Block	Imm Section 1	Imm Section 2	Eng Section 1	Eng Section 2
Block 1	English	Sciences Naturelles	Mathematics	Physical Education
Block 2	Mathématiques	Français Langue	English	French (FSL) Exploratory
Block 3	Sciences Humaines	Education Physique	Science	Mathematics
Block 4	Exploratories/ Band	Exploratories/ Band	Exploratories/ Band	Exploratories/ Band
Block 5	Sciences Naturelles	English	Social Studies	Science
Block 6	Education Physique	Mathématiques	Physical Education	Social Studies
Block 7	Français Langue	Sciences Humaines	French (FSL) Exploratory	English



THE MIDDLE SCHOOL FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM

Courses currently offered in the Middle School French Immersion Program at École KLO are:

- Français Langue (French Language) 7, 8, 9
- Sciences Humaines (Social Studies) 7, 8, 9
- Mathématiques (Math) 7, 8, 9
- Sciences Naturelles (Science) 7, 8, 9
- PE 7, 8



GLENROSA MIDDLE SCHOOL



Scott Parker, Principal
Cliff Schwartz, Vice-Principal



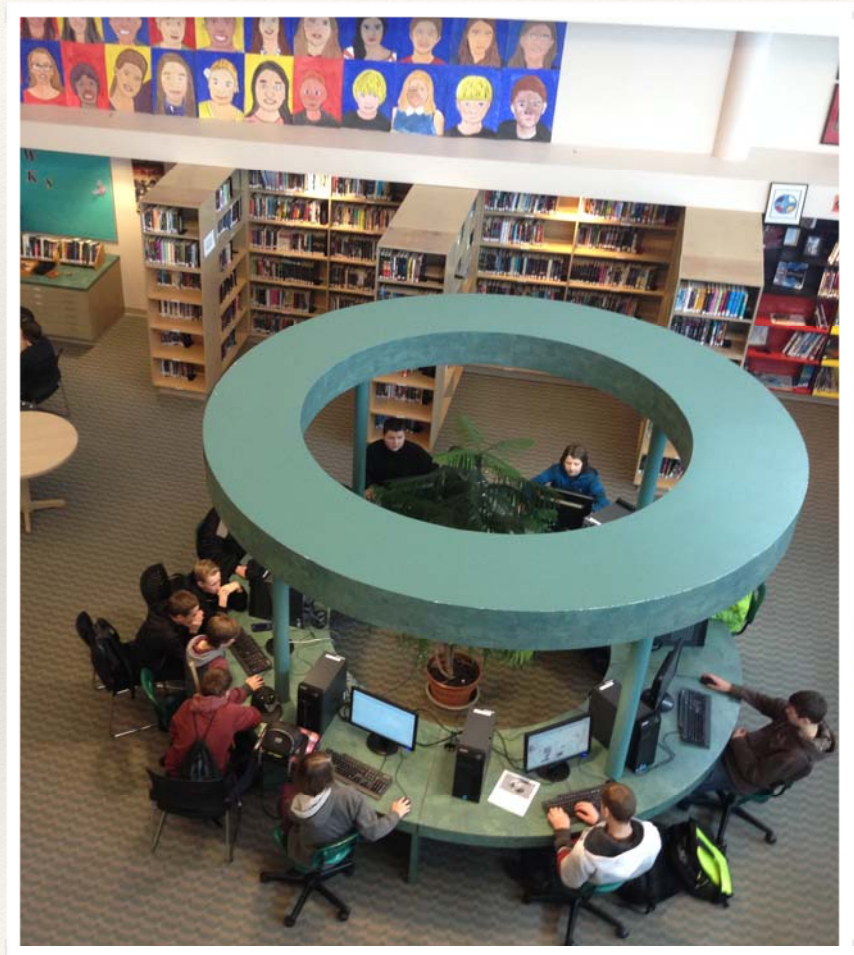
GETTING READY FOR YOUR CHILD

- ❖ Coordination with École KLO Middle School
- ❖ Coquitlam experience
- ❖ Team to support your child
- ❖ The GMS staff is excited!



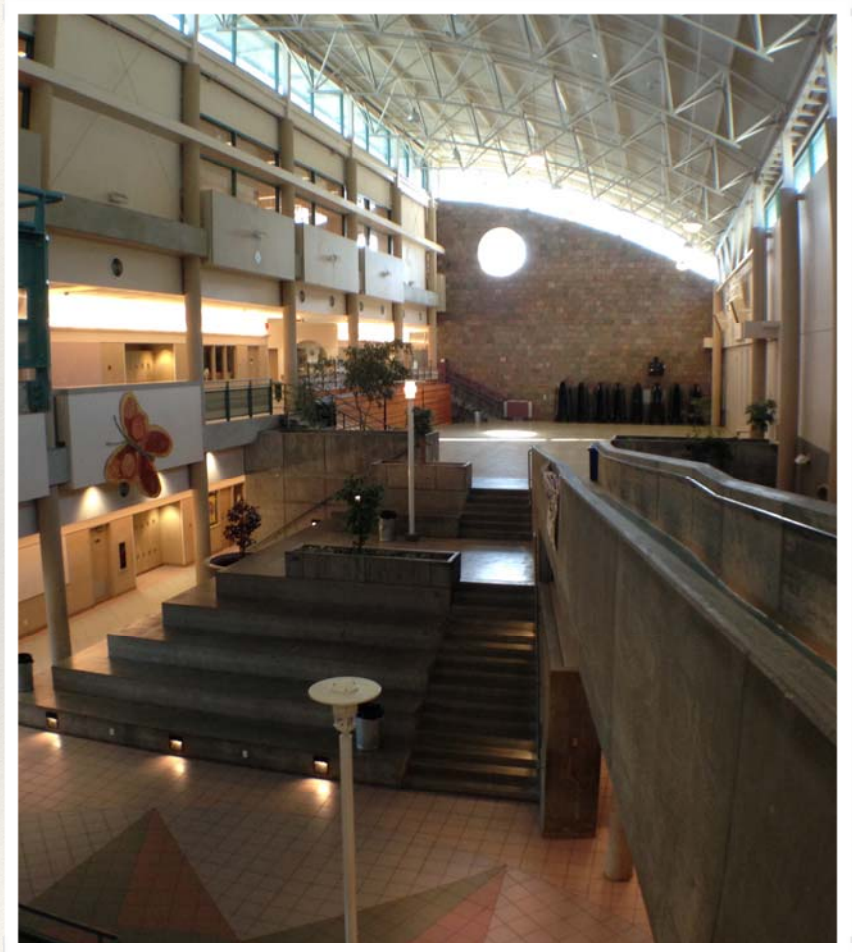
HOW WE DO THINGS...

- ❖ Experienced with teaming
- ❖ GMS Hockey Academy
- ❖ Band streams
- ❖ Choir streams
- ❖ All grade 7s & 8s



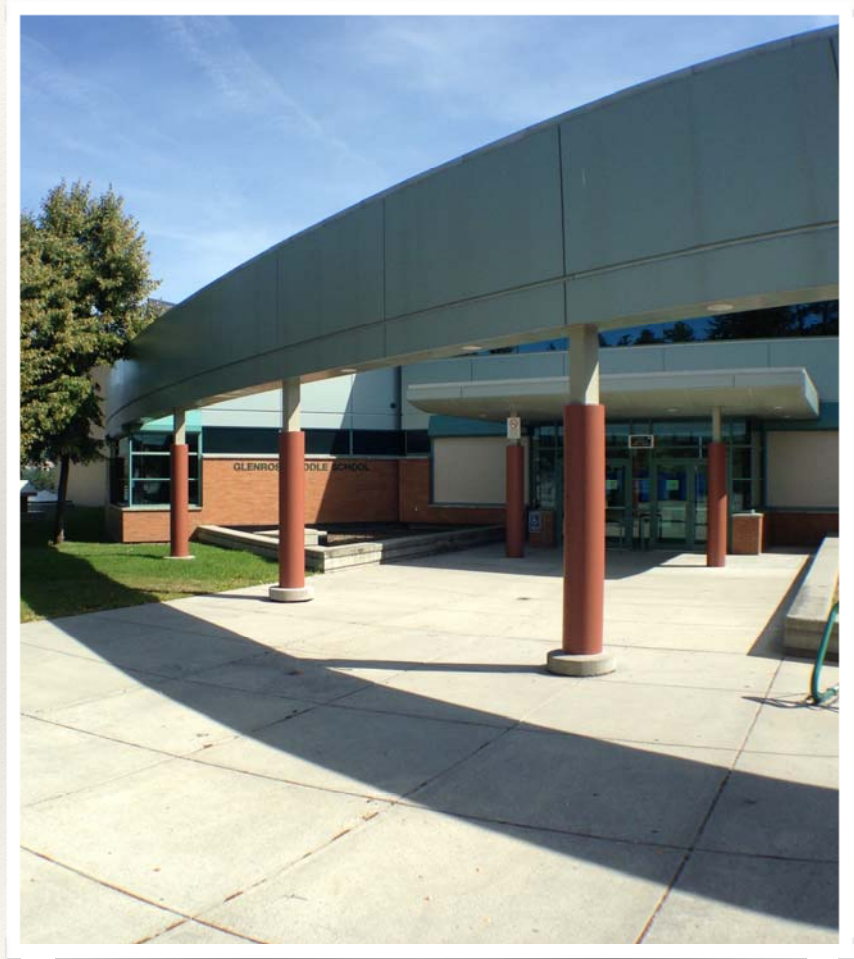
MENTORSHIP AT GMS

- ❖ Grades 7-9 combined
- ❖ Teaches the Central Okanagan School District Attributes



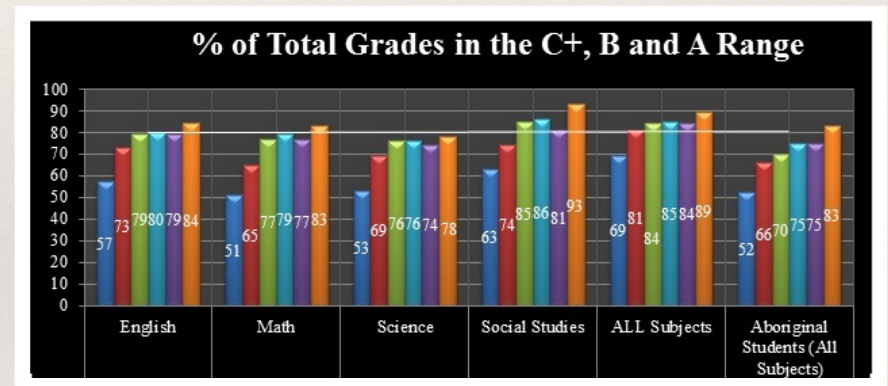
OPPORTUNITIES AT GMS

- ❖ Maker courses
- ❖ Technology courses
- ❖ Japanese sister-school exchange
- ❖ International students
- ❖ Space/facilities



ACADEMICS AT GMS

- ❖ Progressive pedagogy
- ❖ Project Based Learning
- ❖ Kagan engagement strategies
- ❖ TC2 Critical Thinking models
- ❖ Daily math in grade 9



TEA & TOURS

❖ an invitation...





DECISION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

OPTIONS FOR ACTION:

1. Transition current grade 6 FI students to Ecole KLO Middle School for grade 7 FI
2. Transition current grade 6 FI students to Glenrosa Middle School for grade 7 FI
3. Retain current grade 6 FI students at Ecole George Pringle Elementary School for grade 7, and transition grade 6 and 7 students to GMS together as a cohort in September 2016



DECISION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

NEXT STEPS:

- Survey parents/guardians of grade 6 students immediately (see Survey)
- Staff to develop recommendations
- Staff recommendations to be presented to the General Affairs Committee of the Board on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 4:00 pm at the School Board Office
- Decision by the Board of Education at their Public Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 6:00 pm at the School Board Office



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Q & A

Any written feedback may be sent to the Director of Instruction for the Westside, Dr. Rick Oliver at:

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