

Appendix C – 1

French Immersion Community Consultation

School: St Jane Frances

Date of Community Consultation: 13 November, 2017

Community Survey

(Completed at the school community meeting)

Total number of surveys completed: 9

1a. Do you currently have children attending the school?

Response:	Count	Percent
Yes	8	89%
No	0	0%
No Response	1	11%
Total	9	100%

1b. Connections to the school reported: None

2. Please indicate the age/grade of your children (select all):

	Count
Not yet in K	1
JK	1
SK	2
Gr. 1	1
Gr. 2	0
Gr. 3	1
Gr. 4-6	6
Gr. 7-8	3
No longer in	0

3. Please select one of the following options:

I support the inclusion of a French Immersion program at the school:	Count	Percent
Yes	1	11%
No	8	89%
No Response	0	0%
Total	9	100%

4. Additional comments provided by respondents:

Comment:	Total (n=9)	
	#	%
I don't believe FI would benefit our school	2	22%
School needs additional supports in other areas	2	22%
Children are already bilingual (English and mother tongue)	1	11%
We are already at capacity	1	11%
I think it would be beneficial to my child's future	1	11%

Cross tabulation: Additional Comments compared with responses to question 3.

Comment:	Q#3 I support the inclusion of a French Immersion program at St. Jane Frances.					
	Yes (n=1)		No (n=8)		No Response (n=0)	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
I don't believe FI would benefit our school	0	0%	2	25%	0	0%
School needs additional supports in other areas	0	0%	2	25%	0	0%

Children are already bilingual (English and mother tongue)	0	0%	1	13%	0	0%
We are already at capacity	0	0%	1	13%	0	0%
I think it would be beneficial to my child's future	1	100%	?	%	0	0%

* Note: some surveys had no additional comments, other surveys had several additional comments

* All comments have been recorded above

Appendix C – 2

School Parent Community Survey

School: St. Jane Frances

Surveys were distributed to all families in the school, with one survey provided per family.

558 surveys were printed and distributed to the school. 342 Surveys were returned.

1. Do your children currently attend St. Brigid?

	Count	Percent
Yes	340	99%
No	0	0%
No Response	2	1%
Total	342	100%

2. Please indicate the age/grade of your children (select all):

	Count
Not yet in K	24
JK	54
SK	48
Gr. 1	58
Gr. 2	44
Gr. 3	49
Gr. 4-6	109
Gr. 7-8	59
No longer in	0

3. Please select one of the following options:

I support the inclusion of a French Immersion program at the school:	Count	Percent
Yes	68	20%
No	272	80%
No Response	2	1%
Total	342	100%

4. Additional comments provided by respondents:

Comment:	Total (n=342)	
	#	%
Not interested, not benefit to children, not a good fit, English first	32	9%
FI will be useful in the future – travel, jobs, school – official language	23	7%
Parents have limited French/English – not able to assist children	21	6%
FI is a waste of money – use resources elsewhere	8	2%
Current English and Core French program is good	7	2%
Concern with loss of teachers	6	2%
Concerns with FI programming – lack of supports, drop-out rate	4	1%
FI may slow progress in English development	4	1%
Focus on other languages – Italian, Spanish	4	1%
Early French Fluency is beneficial	2	1%
Concern with social dynamic	2	1%
Don't need French – won't take it in High School	1	<1%
New program may increase crowding	1	<1%

Number of parents who provided an additional comment: 98

Cross tabulation: Additional Comments compared with responses to question 3.

Comment:	Q#3 I support the inclusion of a French Immersion program at St. Jane Frances.					
	Yes (n=68)		No (n=272)		No Response (n=2)	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Not interested, not benefit to children, not a good fit, English first	0	0%	32	12%	0	0%
FI will be useful in the future – travel, jobs, school – official language	23	34%	1	<1%	0	0%
Parents have limited French/English – not able to assist children	0	0%	21	8%	0	0%
FI is a waste of money – use resources elsewhere	0	0%	8	3%	0	0%
Current English and Core French program is good	0	0%	7	3%	0	0%
Concern with loss of teachers	0	0%	6	2%	0	0%
Concerns with FI programming – lack of supports, drop-out rate	0	0%	4	1%	0	0%
FI may slow progress in English development	0	0%	4	1%	0	0%
Focus on other languages – Italian, Spanish	0	0%	4	1%	0	0%
Early French Fluency is beneficial	2	3%	0	0%	0	0%
Concern with social dynamic	0	0%	2	1%	0	0%
Don't need French – won't take it in High School	0	0%	1	<1%	0	0%
New program may increase crowding	0	0%	1	<1%	0	0%

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