

System-Wide Advisory Committee

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The System Wide Advisory Committee was established for the French Immersion program in the Edmonton Catholic School District. It consists of a group of parents and administrative representatives from each of the Immersion Schools in the Edmonton Catholic system. The committee also includes the participation of the French Immersion Consultant for Edmonton Catholic Schools. The committee meets four times per school year.

The committee has three main goals:

1. To review the policies that impact French Immersion
2. To advise on the resources required to support French Immersion
3. The advocate for and promote French Immersion in the Edmonton community

During the 2000/2001 school year the committee realized three main accomplishments:

1. Advocating for a Bilingual diploma for those students graduating from French Immersion Grade 12 level. A letter was sent to the Learning Minister. A positive response was a beginning but more time will be required to move this forward.
2. A group of committee members participated in the Project F.I.R.S.T process of Edmonton Catholic Schools. This involved two sessions. The work group was able to propose a set of goals and actions on French Immersion. These goals have been included in the Project F.I.R.S.T report.
3. The committee supported a survey to gather data on decisions of students to continue in French Immersion for Junior High and High School. This survey was a Student Transfer or Transition Survey. The results will be reviewed by SWAC for future advocacy and action.