

Dear Members of DPAC;

The Mackenzie Parents for French are interested in improving the French Language Program at Morfee School. Presently the Core French Program is taught in Grade 5, 6 and 7 by the homeroom teachers. Our group is primarily interested in an Early Immersion Program; we submitted a proposal to School District 57 in September 2013 for an implementation in Sept 2014. The Educational Programs Planning Committee will review the proposal on January 21st, 2014. We are seeking letters of support from relevant organizations and groups to document widespread support (in SD 57) for this initiative.

We would like to request a letter of support from DPAC for the Mackenzie parents seeking choice programming for their children.

Attached is a letter of support from the PAC of Morfee Elementary for your consideration.

August 23, 2013

Dear School Board of Trustees for School District No. 57

We, the members of the Morfee Elementary Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), would like to lend our support to the endeavors of the Mackenzie Parents for French Immersion.

We feel in addition to developing a lifelong ability to communicate with more people, our children will derive many benefits from early language instruction, including improved overall school performance and superior problem-solving skills which is much needed in the world we live in. Probably more significant is the advantage students of foreign languages have when it comes to career possibilities. It can give our children a competitive edge in the job market anywhere in Canada and in many other countries.

As parents we want our children to have opportunities as other children living in British Columbia. Even though we live in a small town, this should not limit the quality of education our children receive; there are presently just over 46,000 children in BC enrolled in French Immersion programs. Those enrolled in French programs will have a competitive edge in the job market. We want our children to have access to this same advantage.

**We understand the establishment of a French Immersion program in Morfee Elementary School will not be an easy transition, however with the support from the School Board, the BC Government and Federal funding, we know this is a realistic goal. The Morfee PAC has a keen interest in this program and is willing to be an active supporter in establishing the French Immersion program in Mackenzie.**

All parents have big dreams for their children: it is not different for parents who live in small communities. We want our children to have the same opportunities as the 46,000 children enrolled in French Immersion Programs across British Columbia.

I look forward to speaking with you in the near future. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 250-997-6262 or e-mail at markshytv@hotmail.com

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Chairperson

Morfee Elementary School Parent Advisory Committee