

**APPROVED**  
**2003 May 27**



**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**2003 April 29**

**Present:**

***Board Members***

Nancy Whittaker, Chair  
Robie Atkinson  
Janice Francis  
Donna Tidd  
Alvin Comeau  
Karen Mattatall

Faye Haley, Vice Chair  
Andy Baxter  
Anne Moses  
Ron Hines  
Ada Fells

***Staff***

Phil Landry, Director of Education (joined the meeting via telephone at 6:50 p.m.)  
F. Heather Burlingham, Board Secretary/Communications Officer  
Sandra LeBlanc, Admin. Asst.  
Steven Gaudet, Coordinator, French Second Language  
Leroy Legere, CEO, SWRSB

A special meeting of the Tri-County District School Board was held on Tuesday, April 29, 2003, at the Meadowfields Community School in Yarmouth.

The purpose of this meeting was to receive a report on the feasibility of implementing an Early French Immersion program at Meadowfields Community School.

**CALL TO ORDER & NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Board Chair Whittaker called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. She asked Board Member Atkinson to lead the meeting in the singing of the National Anthem.

**RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

The Board Secretary/Communications Officer took attendance noting that all board members were in attendance.

**REPORT ON EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION AT MEADOWFIELDS COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

The Chair invited Coordinator Gaudet to review Report No. 67-03, Early French Immersion at Meadowfields Community School.

**REPORT ON EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION AT MEADOWFIELDS COMMUNITY SCHOOL (cont'd)**

**MOTION** by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that Report No. 67-03, Early French Immersion at Meadowfields Community School, be received for information purposes.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SPEC09-03** Moved by Board Member Moses, seconded by Board Member Haley, that an Early French Immersion program be implemented at Meadowfields Community School in September 2003.

A roll call vote was requested:

Voting the affirmative : Board Members Atkinson, Comeau, Fells, Francis, Haley, Hines, Mattatall, Moses, Tidd

Voting in the negative: Board Members Baxter, Whittaker

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SPEC10-03** Moved by Board Member Hines, seconded by Board Member Tidd, that boundaries be set for the Early French Immersion program at Meadowfields Community School.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SPEC11-03** Moved by Board Member Moses, seconded by Board Member Atkinson, that families who currently have students in EFI at Plymouth or Yarmouth Central Elementary School be given the opportunity to continue to access these two schools for successive family members, i.e. that the family be grandfathered in this regard.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SPEC12-03** Moved by Board Member Fells, seconded by Board Member Baxter, that in the event enrolment in the Early French Immersion program declines at Yarmouth Central School to such an extent that only one program can be sustained that the program revert to Yarmouth central school.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Atkinson at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

F. Heather Burlingham  
Board Secretary/Communications Officer

Nancy Whittaker  
Board Chair

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