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École Élémentaire South Sa-Hali **Annual School Learning Plan 2026-2027**

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Acknowledgement

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School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) acknowledges that it is on the territory of the Secwepemc Nation, specifically the territory of the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc People.

Kamloops School District No. 73 is located within the traditional territory of the Secwépemc people and includes the seven Secwépemc First Nations Bands:

- Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc
- Whispering Pines/Clinton Indian Band
- Skeetchestn Indian Band
- Simpcw First Nation
- Adams Lake Indian Band
- Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band
- Neskonlith Indian Band

Our school partners with Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc through our Local Education Agreement ([link current signed copy](#)) and the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement ([link](#)).

CONTEXT

SCHOOL VISION

In our safe and inclusive French Immersion community, we value respect and curiosity to embrace academic challenges, creativity and responsible citizenship.

SCHOOL CONTEXT

École Élémentaire South Sa-Hali, perfectly situated next to Peterson Creek Park, is a single-track French Immersion school of choice which draws its student population from a variety of neighborhoods located south of the TransCanada Highway. Because of the size of our catchment area, the majority of our students arrive at school by car or bus (either BC Transit bus or SD73 school bus). Our school has a diverse socio-economic and cultural population of 380 students from Kindergarten to Grade 7, who are housed in 17 classrooms. We have 35 students of Aboriginal Ancestry and 33 students who have a Ministry Designation and whose learning is guided by an Inclusive Education Plan. There are two portables on site; one is used for our music/band program which is delivered by our music prep teacher, and the other is the home for an after-school daycare program, KamloopsKidz. We currently have approximately 100 students accessing additional support from one of the LARTs or CEAs: 70 students receiving small-group support outside of the class and 92 students receiving additional support within the class (some receiving both).

Our school campus is located in close proximity to Peterson Creek Park, which offers excellent opportunities for students to use their natural surroundings to explore the natural world and their connection to it. Many of our classes frequent the park several times a week to explore themes in Physical Education, Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics.

Our staff consists of 23 teachers, four CEAs, one Aboriginal Education Worker (2 days/week), one Administrative Assistant, three custodians, one Vice-Principal, and one Principal. Our Learning Assistance time is divided between 2 LART teachers and our vice-principal.

École Élémentaire South Sa-Hali is a part of the South Kamloops Family of schools which includes Savona Elementary, Aberdeen Elementary, Beattie Elementary, École Élémentaire Lloyd George and South Kamloops Secondary.

FRENCH IMMERSION - SCHOOL OF CHOICE (Brief History)

Since the restructuring of the French Immersion program in 2010 from dual-track to single-track schools, and the concentration of French Immersion from 4 elementary schools to two, there was a steady increase in enrollment at South Sa-Hali until we reached capacity. Each year we typically have space for 48 Kindergarten students each year.

One of our core beliefs in French Immersion is for students to speak French during instructional activities to develop fluency in oral French to the greatest degree possible. Our school believes that French is not a language learned solely in school, but rather a language that will be used in many facets for the rest of our students' life. It is our hope that there will be some students who will use French when attending post-secondary institutions, when traveling around the world, and when entering the workforce as an adult. It is, therefore, the staff's expectation that students speak French in all areas of the school, with staff members and with their peers.

In the early years of Kindergarten and Grade 1, when students are gradually building their oral French fluency, some English is acceptable; however, the instruction is given largely in French. These students are encouraged to attempt to express themselves with the French language that they do have and fill in the rest with English when needed. In addition, it is a bonus for students' oral French growth if they speak French in the hallways and outside during recess and lunch; although, this is not mandatory unless they are speaking with a French-speaking staff member.

Students in Grades 3-7 receive English Language instruction 20% of the time. This equates to approximately 60 minutes per day.

An important factor in the success of our French Immersion program is the strong support of parents and families. As a school of choice, the parents have made the conscious decision to place their children in a program in which they have confidence. Our parents and teachers are committed to working together, and success is achieved because both groups support each other.

Learning Goal

INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT

To develop the ability of students to analyze critically, reason and think independently, and acquire basic learning skills and bodies of knowledge; to develop in students a lifelong appreciation of learning, a curiosity about the world around them, and a capacity for creative thought and expression.

DISTRICT GOAL: Every learner will develop competencies and skills to succeed academically.

DISTRICT OUTCOME: Students will meet or exceed literacy/numeracy expectations for each level.

SCHOOL GOAL 1: Students will read at grade level in French by the end of grade 4.

This is a new goal. After talking with our teachers in the fall of 2024, they felt that it was important for our school to have a goal focusing on French. We will use June 2025 as a baseline for our data. Teachers, from both South Sa-Hali and Lloyd George, have worked on developing a scope and sequence and a new ELAP assessment that was implemented in 25-26. Both schools met at the May 2025 pro-d to make final decisions about the scope and sequence as well as the assessment tool. We met again during the September 2025 Pro-D and rolled out the assessment and continuum for 25-26 school year.

SCHOOL RESULTS ANALYSIS:

This was our first year to implement the new continuum and use the new ELAP for our reading assessments. The chart below shows progression from 2025 to 2026 in every grade level. When the cohort was in grade 1, only 53% were reading at grade level, the same cohort in grade 2 had 61% of students reading at grade level in 2026. The grade 2 cohort in 2025 had 59% of students reading at grade level, and that same cohort in grade 3

had 61% of those students reading at grade level in 2026. Finally, the grade 3 cohort in 2025 had 64% of the students reading at grade level, and that same cohort in grade 4 had 67% of the students reading at grade level in 2026.

AREAS TO GROW:

Although we see an improvement from year to year in students' reading at grade level, we are still far from our goal to have all our grade 4 students reading at grade level in French. In 2026, we had 67% of our grade 4 students reading at grade level. We will keep working until we meet our goal.

ELAP DATA June 2025

	EESS	Indigenous
Grade 1	53 %	100 %
Grade 2	59 %	80%
Grade 3	64 %	67%
Grade 4	N-A	N-A

ELAP DATA June 2026

	EESS	Indigenous
Grade 1	58 %	67%
Grade 2	61 %	50%
Grade 3	61 %	60%
Grade 4	67 %	50%

Strategies:

Scope and sequence link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1CaKZMdes5cQoBEjCkMym0ZAfRB7oaXft?usp=drive_link

New ELAP (Évaluation de Lecture Au Primaire) rolled out in Sept. 25.

To boost our literacy, starting this year (26-27), we will have 4 classes (K-1, 1, 1-2 and 2) to collaborate 3 times a week for 30 min a day, and 4 other classes (2-3, 3, 3 and 3-4) 3 times a week for 40 min a day. While classes are collaborating, we will have our 2 LARTs, Librarian and Vice Principal help the 4 teachers. We will divide students by reading levels into 8 groups. These groups will be fluid, and students will be moving from group to group if they fall behind or catch up faster.

At the September 2026 pro-D, we will develop reading lessons as a team. This way, all students from grade 1 to grade 4 will have the same lessons for reading no matter what class or group they are in. These lessons will be used during our reading groups and in classrooms.

On top of our reading groups, our librarian will work on vocabulary development and oral comprehension with our students in kindergarten to grade 2. This extra literacy will be those teachers' preps. twice a week.

Teachers will also use the ELAP twice a year to measure the true growth of our students. They will evaluate their students by the middle of October at the latest and again by the beginning of June. This way, we will be able to place students into reading groups earlier. We will see where students are when we start the year instead of where they ended in June and not speak or read French for two months after being assessed.

SCHOOL GOAL 2: 80 % Students will be proficient or extending in numeracy by the end of grade 7.

SCHOOL RESULTS ANALYSIS:

Although our school typically scores higher than the District in Numeracy, we have decided to focus on Numeracy for our learning goal for a number of reasons.

1. Our **2025-2026 FSA results** indicated that:
 - a. In Grade 4, we saw a decrease of students who are at either On-Track or Extending, currently sitting at 74% (10% above District results). This did not surpass last year's target of a minimum of 80% of our students achieving On-Track or Extending.
 - b. In Grade 7, we saw an increase of 6% over last year's results, moving from 74% to 80% of students achieving On-Track or Extending. Our students continue to significantly outperform their peers in the rest of the District (58%). We met last year's goal of 80% of our grade 7 students to achieve On-Track or Extending on the 2025-2026 FSA in Numeracy. Now, we want to see 80% of our students being proficient or extending by the time our students are moving onto high school by the end of grade 7.

	Year-End Learning Update Data - Numeracy											
	Proficient/Extending June 2023			Proficient/Extending June 2024			Proficient/Extending June 2025			Proficient/Extending June 2026		
	All	Non- Aboriginal	Aboriginal	All	Non- Aboriginal	Aboriginal	All	Non- Aboriginal	Aboriginal	All	Non- Aboriginal	Aboriginal
K	90%	87%	100%	94%	96%	80%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Gr. 1	98%	100%	67%	86%	87%	80%	91%	92%	83%	83%	84%	67%
Gr. 2	94%	98%	50%	93%	92%	100%	81%	80%	100%	86%	88%	50%
Gr. 3	98%	98%	100%	92%	91%	100%	89%	90%	86%	92%	91%	100%
Gr. 4	87%	84%	83%	98%	97%	100%	87%	86%	100%	88%	92%	67%
Gr. 5	84%	85%	67%	98%	97%	100%	95%	95%	100%	91%	93%	67%

Gr. 6	83%	85%	50%	67%	67%	67%	77%	81%	57%	73%	72%	100%
Gr. 7	94%	94%	100%	67%	69%	40%	76%	76%	67%	71%	74%	57%

The June 2026 Learning Update data show positive numeracy results for most of our students in grade K-5. **One anomaly that we noticed was the rapid decrease in the number of students in Grades 6 and 7 who achieved Proficient or Extending. After talking with the teachers, they mentioned that in grades 6 and 7 the focus of numeracy is to apply it to everyday life. Students see a growth until grade 5 then there is a new area for students to focus on and students need time to learn how to apply the concepts.**

Our Indigenous numbers are inconsistent throughout the grades. This is due to the fact that we have very few indigenous students in each grade. For example, when we only have 3 indigenous students in a grade we can go from 100% to 67% if one indigenous student is not proficient. As a whole we have 35 indigenous students in our school. It would be more beneficial to look at the indigenous students as a cohort rather than by grade level. Data is more accurate this way.

AREAS TO CELEBRATE:

One area to celebrate was in both Grade 4 and Grade 7 in our FSA data. In Grade 4, 74% of students are On-Track or Extending. We have outperformed the district by 11% in grade 4. 80% of our grade 7 students are On-Track or Extending. Our grade 7 students are outperforming the district by 22% in grade 7 on our numeracy FSA results.

AREAS TO GROW:

74% of our indigenous students are proficient or exceeding in numeracy in all grades compared to 87% of non indigenous students. This shows that we will need to look at our Indigenous students in numeracy next year and have extra support.

SCHOOL STRATEGIES:

Our Numeracy Goal was re-tooled last year, and this year we started work on the following strategies and classroom practices:

- [Scope and sequence](#) of common language/vocabulary and problem-solving strategies for Numeracy.
- Implement the use of the District Numeracy Assessments and the Primary Numeracy Assessments as tools to inform our teaching and provide feedback, rather than simply as reporting tools or a means to collect data.
- Continued work on assessment with the proficiency scale and communicating student learning with our parent community, with particular focus on the use of the proficiency scale in Numeracy.
- Build collaborative relationships with the teachers at LGES to discuss resources and their work on assessment and feedback.
- Have all Grades 3 to 7 students complete the DNA assessment Fall and Spring
- Encourage the implementation of a Numeracy word wall in classrooms
- Review our specific subpopulations who are needing targeted strategies and consider what those strategies are by working with our School Learning Team.

Evidence and Next Steps

The Numeracy Goal will be reviewed with:

- School Staff - September 2026
- Students - Fall 2026
- Parents - October 2026
- PAC - October 2026

Wellbeing Goal

Feeling Welcome/Safe/Sense of Belonging/ Two or More Adults Who Care

HUMAN & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

To develop in students a sense of self-worth and personal initiative; to develop an appreciation of the fine arts and an understanding of cultural heritage; to develop an understanding of the importance of physical health and well-being; to develop a sense of social responsibility, acceptance and respect for the ideas and beliefs of others.

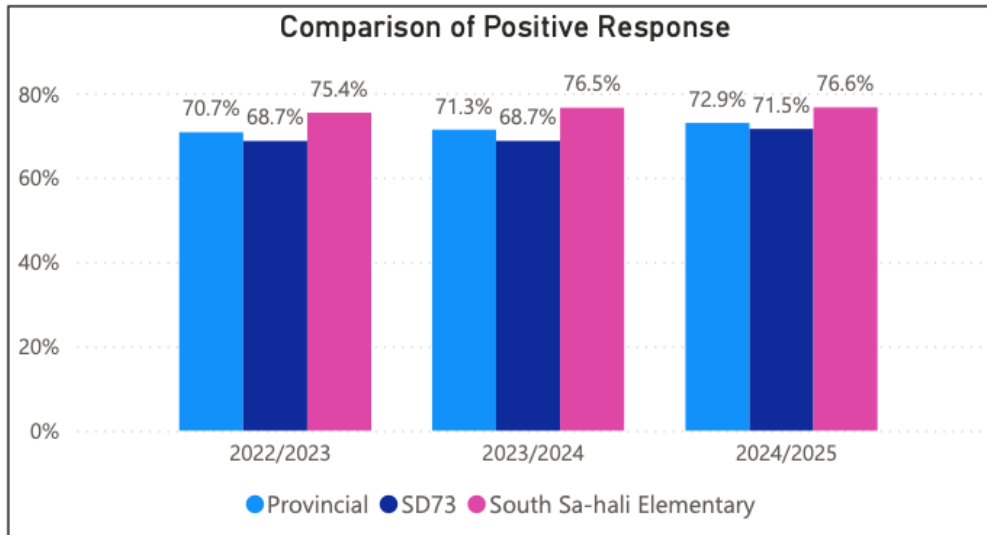
DISTRICT GOAL: Every learner will feel welcome, safe, and connected to their environments (district-school-classroom).

DISTRICT OUTCOME: Students will feel welcome, safe, and connected to their school.

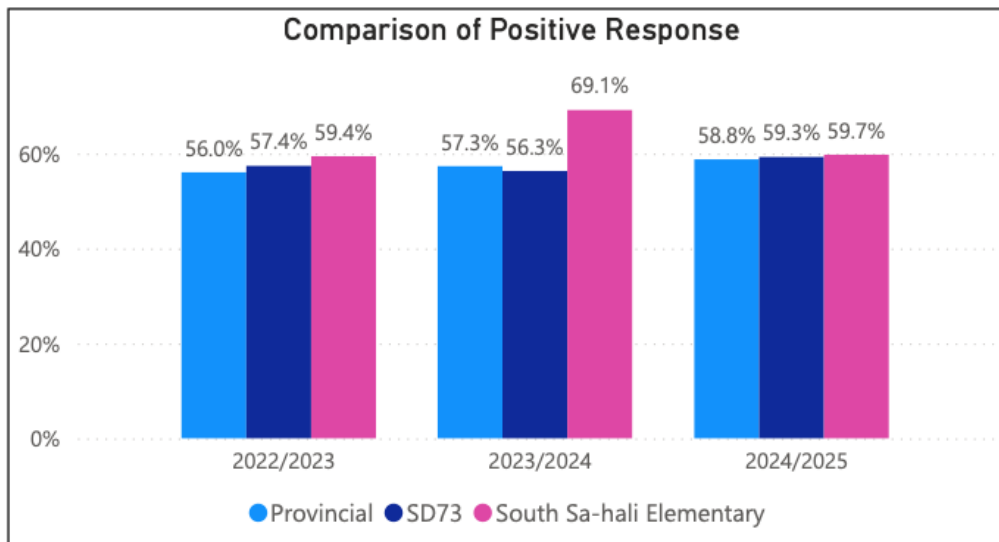
According to the **2024-2025 Ministry Student Learning Survey**,

2025-26 DATA available at the beginning of Oct. Student Learning Survey DATA 2024-2025

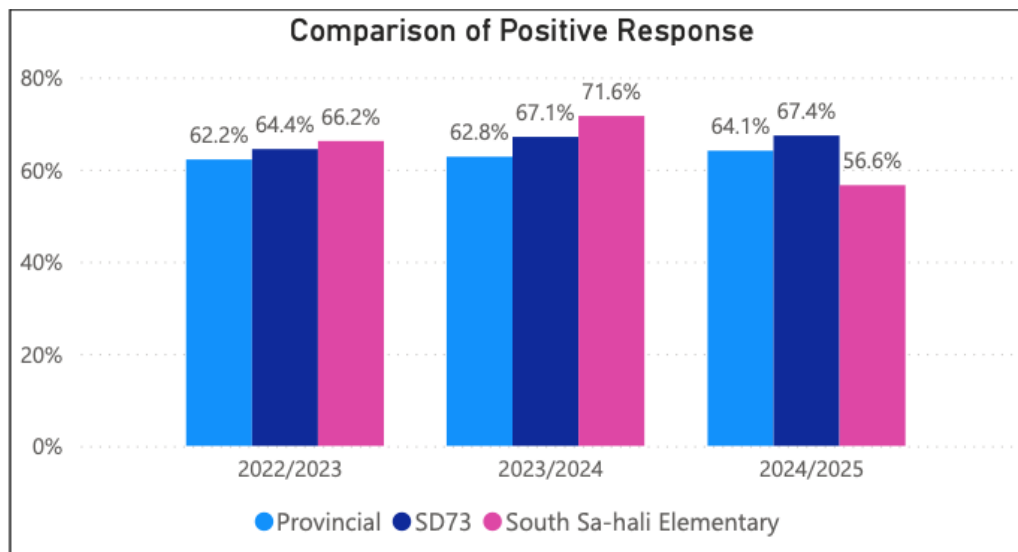
Do you feel welcome at school?



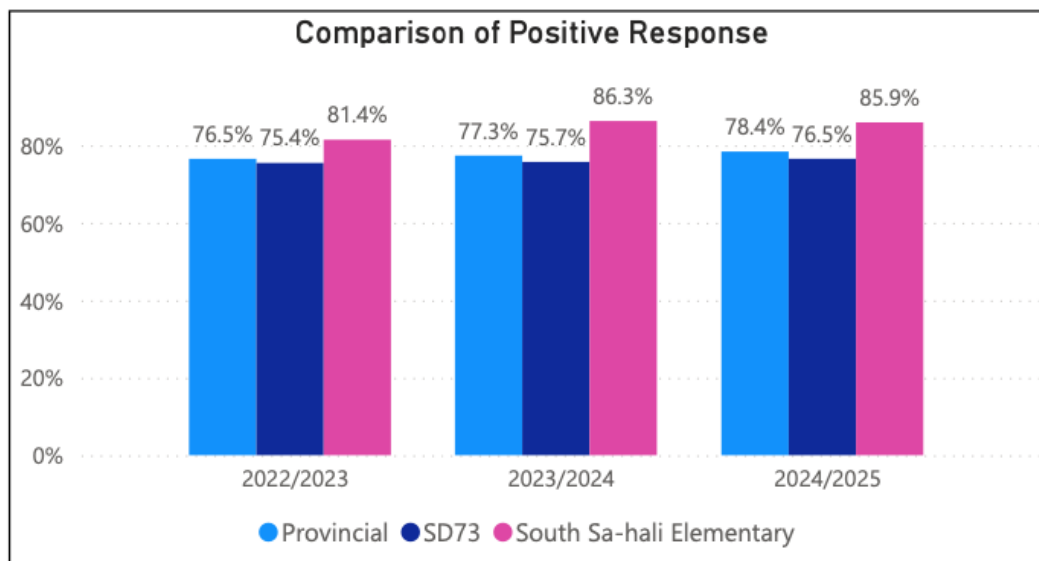
Is school a place where you feel like you belong?



At your school, how many adults do you feel care about you?



Do you feel safe at school?



AREAS TO CELEBRATE: 25-26 data not available yet.

This will be completed in the fall once we have this year's data.

AREAS TO GROW: 25-26 data not available yet.

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SCHOOL STRATEGIES (used last year):

- Bullying presentations to every class happened in September. Presentations focus on mean behaviours, going from being a bystander to caring majority, integrity, taking responsibility, learning from mistakes, stopping mean behaviours and using ERASE reports.
- This year we were fortunate to be awarded 3 separate Feeding Futures Grants, which went a long way to feed students and reduce some of the food insecurity experienced by some of our families. With these monies, we were able to offer nutritious breakfasts and snacks to anyone who needed them. Some of the feedback offered in our Spring District Engagement, Wellbeing Survey (DEWRS) survey indicated how much the students enjoyed these offerings; one student responded with: "I like the food they give at the office, which the school provides for the students." We were also able to provide food hampers throughout the year to several families who have had significant setbacks to their financial situation. The last grant covered the cost of the PAC Hot Lunch program for families that would not otherwise be able to afford it.
- Continued with our new PBIS program. Every day, we recognized two students for their positive behaviours by awarding them Chirpie and Lightning (stuffed eagles). Those names are drawn from a bucket of coupons that teachers gave their students for good behaviours according to our new matrix.
- a Link to new Matrix

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1P9hdadwPXo_5-mjeBeO9KDSIs4io5VGJw7boLDFPeRc/edit?usp=sharing

- This December we hosted our 4th annual ADST Cardboard Winter Village. It was great to hear that students were looking forward to this school-wide project, and the ideas that they had to improve upon their project from the previous year.
- We also held our annual Egg Drop Competition in April, where over 100 students created a contraption that would protect a raw egg from cracking when dropped from a height. Most students who did not participate in the competition, watched from the hillside and cheered on the participants.
- Welcome Song is played to open morning announcements on Mondays and to begin each school-wide assembly. There are also several classes who start the week with a morning circle outside, where they sing the Welcome Song.
- Our grade 7 students also hosted the stations at our year-end Fun Day and Jump Rope for Heart, which was a hit for everyone. Students and staff alike enjoyed themselves immensely.
- Our grade 6/7 students also provided leadership to our school as the classroom lunch monitors and delivered the PAC Hot Lunch to students weekly.
- Our annual Talent Show, where students showcased their diverse talents and abilities, continues to be a highlight of the year which students look forward to every March.
- Students also participated in the Drama Club, where they produced a musical called Finding Nemo and presented it to the school and the community.
- Continued to develop comfort with the use of technology on behalf of students and staff. This will promote UDL, encouraging teachers to offer all of our students' multiple ways to present their learning, thus increasing students' feelings of being cared for.
- Continued use of Zones of Regulation, Superflex, Social Thinking, Behaviour Mapping, and PBIS to teach expected behaviours and to self-/co-regulate emotions to staff and students.
- We continued with the chess and crib clubs that students could join at lunch time.

- We hosted our third annual school Powwow which included dancers, singers, storytellers, and bannock.
- Our P.A.C. is very supportive of this SLP Goal. They provided the hot chocolate and timbits for our Hot Chocolate Day, where students came outside with their Big/Little buddies for a hot and sweet treat.
- They also organized a Year-end Picnic, a Welcome Back BBQ and Halloween Family Dance/Trunk or Treat, which did not raise any funds, but were rather opportunities to foster our school's sense of community.

Our plans for targeting growth in the Well-Being Goal are aligned with the following District 73 Strategic Plan Value Commitments, Priorities, and Strategies

Value Commitments

- **Connections/Relationships:** Building meaningful relationships that support and strengthen learning and growth
- **Equity:** Removing barriers and creating environments that provide accessible and empowering opportunities for all students and staff to thrive
- **Well-Being:** Fostering opportunities to promote emotional, psychological, and physical well-being for all students and staff

Priority: Human and Social Development: Every learner will feel welcome, safe, and connected to their environments (district-school-classroom).

Equity Question

How to increase engagement in our students?

Goal: To improve student academic engagement in school amongst students who attend the French Immersion Program

Equity Question:

As a school/staff, what can we do to increase engagement with our students? Are there similar struggles amongst all students who attend French Immersion Programs in Kamloops?

Objectives:

Develop an action plan to increase student engagement based a better understanding academic engagement

Targeted actions:

- Staff were asked to complete a Teacher Equity survey with questions that included:
 - what is going well and what has been a struggle in their teaching practice
 - who "their people" at work are that they can talk to, and connect with about what is going on for them
 - name some kids who don't seem engaged and ways we as a staff can improve engagement amongst students who are struggling to stay engaged

- Empathy interviews were conducted with our students at the margins as identified by staff. Questions included:
 - what was going well for them, what was hard for them in school and what was something they were proud of

- Talk about home routines to explore whether they may/may not be a factor in engagement
- who were their safe adults at school and ways the school could support them when they were having a difficult time
- what it looks like to be engaged/focused as well as anything else they wanted to share about their school experience
- Staff had a discussion with the Principal about ways to academically engage students by brainstorming learning opportunities that students remember, enjoy and look forward to.
- What does academic engagement look like in your class?
 - *Less behaviour problems*
 - *Students are asking questions*
 - *Students are on task*
 - *Positive energy*
 - *Could be noisy or very quiet*
 - *Able to hear student discussions/conversations that are on topic*
 - *Students seem excited about learning*
 - *They want to teach/talk with their classmates*
 - *Students are often doing the talking/teaching/task*
 - *Intrinsic motivation- students can see the value/importance in what they are learning*
 - *Students are able to take what they learn and apply it to real life*
- What would people walking in your class see and hear?
 - *Student like predictability and routine*
 - *Soft start- starting with a task that everyone can succeed at*
 - *Opportunity for students to lead the teaching/review learning for their classmates*
- What would students say about it?
 - *Students ask to do it again, ask to work on*
 - *Transfer their knowledge and demonstrate their learning*

- *Share their learning with their parents*
- *Will talk make connections with other teachers/ adults*
- *Like to have peer to peer experiences and opportunities to work/learn together*

Results:

- Teacher Equity Survey:
 - The survey responses highlight a **strong sense of teacher efficacy and student engagement**, with educators confident in their established routines, understanding of student needs, and ability to foster a positive and effective learning environment through varied instructional strategies and enrichment activities. Teachers are adapting well to diverse student needs and noting significant progress in literacy, numeracy, and French language acquisition
 - Staff overwhelmingly point to **significant challenges stemming from students' foundational skill gaps and behavioral issues**, likely exacerbated by the lasting effects of the pandemic on self-regulation and social-emotional development. This creates a demanding classroom environment where teachers are grappling with a wide range of learning abilities, a lack of parental engagement, and limited resources for crucial early interventions, all of which impede effective instruction and student progress.
 - Teachers are striving to boost student engagement and address diverse learning needs by **prioritizing individualized support, fostering a sense of purpose and belonging, and employing varied, interactive, and interest-based teaching strategies**. They emphasize the importance of positive reinforcement, parental involvement, and building foundational skills to enhance student confidence and reduce disruptive behaviors.
- Student empathy Interview:
 - Student responses indicate a **strong sense of personal achievement and enjoyment in core subjects like Math and Science, alongside a high value placed on social connections and physical activities**. Many

students express pride in their academic performance, particularly in areas where they feel competent or receive positive reinforcement from teachers, while also highlighting the importance of friendships, recess, and hands-on learning experiences.

- Students frequently identify **challenges with academic subjects, particularly Math and French, often linked to difficulties with focus, attention, and foundational understanding**. Many also express struggles with **social dynamics, self-regulation, and prolonged periods of passive learning**, highlighting a desire for more engaging activities
- When discussing home routines, responses highlight a **mix of structured routines and individual variations in students' home lives, often influenced by extracurricular activities or family dynamics**. While many report consistent bedtimes and wake-up schedules, some face challenges like navigating parental rules around screen time, managing sibling responsibilities, or dealing with less stable home environments, which can impact sleep quality and daily routines.
- Students frequently rely on **individualized supports and self-regulation strategies** to manage focus and frustration, including sensory tools (fidgets, squishes), movement breaks (walks, rocking chairs, more gym time), and designated quiet spaces. The presence of **supportive adults, peer connections, and the ability to access snacks or adapted tasks** are also highly valued for promoting engagement and well-being in the classroom.
- Student engagement is primarily driven by **hands-on activities, particularly projects and collaborative work with peers or teachers**. While some students express a natural enjoyment for specific subjects like math or history, others view schoolwork as a mere obligation. A quiet learning environment and the opportunity for one-on-one support are also frequently cited as conducive to learning, alongside the pride derived from mastering new skills or completing tasks effectively.
- Student suggestions for an ideal school experience consistently revolve around **increased opportunities for play, movement, and hands-on, interest-driven learning**. There's a strong desire for more outdoor time, creative activities like art and building, and reduced passive learning or traditional worksheets, along with a wish for a safer and more inclusive environment.

Academic Engagement Presentations

- How to use AI to make your lesson more engaging for students
 - Gemini
 - Multi-lingual (can be in French)
 - Can put assignments with parameters including assignments for extending/developing; student friendly rubrics
 - Be specific with grade level and outcomes
 - Can take a picture of a worksheet and ask it to create it in French
 - The more precise you are, the better

How he uses AI for lesson planning

- Use canvas in google gemini which gives you the option of having a split screen
- You can specify what you would like to tweak
- You can export into google docs. You might have to do a bit of formatting.
- Notebook is one of the google apps available for us to use
 - 3 parts
 - Use a specific prompt - choose Pro to get a document to upload to to Notebook
 - Sources - can be google docs or websites
 - Can create many different types of assignments
- Activities that anchor learning enhance student engagement and learning
 - For example, if you are learning about mushrooms, you can grow them, if you are learning about the Grasslands, visit

Peterson Creek, if you are learning about the Three Sisters, make the soup, etc.

- Find a balance between teacher led instruction and student centred learning activities

Literature Circles presentation (different classes participated)

Engagement, comprehension, and conversations are stronger if students read interesting books. See [Book Suggestions for Themed Literature Circles](#) on Healthy Relationships or Perseverance: Overcoming Adversity (for Grade 4-5 and Grade 6-7). These reviewed lit circle sets (of 6) may be signed out through the HGEC LLC.

Heritage Stamp (Grade 4-5 classes participated)

- The 2026 Heritage Stamp Contest has now begun.
- The grade 4/5 classes are participating this year
- Heritage stamps are a fun way to engage Intermediate Students in inquiry learning.

Science Fair (Grade 6-7 participated)

- School Science Fair- March 6th
- Projects presented in French and English

Musical (50 students participated)

Students presented Finding Nemo to our students and to parents with two evening presentations.

Grade 7 market (Grade 7 class participated)

Students came up with a product that they could sell. Students developed and constructed their products.

Students set up in the gym to sell their products to the rest of the students.

Next Steps:

- We will continue to have discussions with staff and students about academic engagement and what it looks like, sounds like and feel like.
- We will continue to connect with Lloyd George to work together to develop an action plan to address student engagement
- Keep promoting different engaging activities at staff meetings
- Keep promoting hands-on and project activities.
- Expand on many of the projects teachers started this year.

