



Pool advisory has first meeting

The Acton pool advisory committee met for the first time last Thursday evening at the high school and set down terms of reference.

It was decided the group would meet only twice a year and in case of emergency. If someone in the town has a question or a problem, these could be taken to the individual committee members who in turn could look into it personally. If this person could not help solve the

problem, a special meeting of the whole would be called.

John Cooper, recreation coordinator for wards one and two, Anne Pickering, pool supervisor, Diane Spielvogel and Brendan Aherne, both from the recreation advisory committee, Dave Katz, principal of the high school, Bruce Andrews, head of the high school physical education department, and Art Gordon from the Lions' Club are on

French Immersion to stay says Toronto principal

According to Ted Rutherford, principal of Allenby school, Toronto, French Immersion is here to stay.

He told about 30 interested parents attending the March 6 meeting at Brisbane public school, that Canada is on a committed course to be bilingual. "Once committed, boards of education will be forced to stay with French Immersion," he said.

Allenby school is in its fourth year of French Immersion. Mr. Rutherford was talking to parents in preparation for kindergarten registration. He said that children enrolled in the course should be functionally bilingual by the end of grade two. He explained that making the decision on behalf of the child is a large one for parents.

The speaker told his audience that enthusiasm of both parents, the child's maturity in the English language plus emotion maturity were all factors for consideration.

Commitment Mr. Rutherford stressed the importance of parents of children in the course being prepared to commit themselves to staying in the same area for three or four years.

He explained French Immersion is not available in many areas of the province and country and it is necessary that, once starting, children should complete the program.

Cliff Whitfield and Glynis Brown of the Wellington County Board of Education were present at the meeting. Along with Principal Ted Rutherford, they answered questions. A video tape of the country's immersion program was shown. It included scenes from Brisbane school.

In Wellington county there are presently three schools where students are enrolled in French Immersion. Brisbane has 20 grade one and 15 kindergarten students in the program. Two other schools are in Guelph and at Allardice.

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