

# Gaspé-Percé Community Learning Centre



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**Coordinators action report presented to:**

**Gaspé-Percé CLC Steering Committee**

**The Project Resource Team**

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## **Executive Summary**

This report was prepared and published to give all stake holders documented information on “actions” undertaken by the coordinator during the period (July 2009 – January 2010). The indicators (A – F) were used to try and break down the different activities into the type of work or intervention used by the steering committee and/or the coordinator.

One of the main targets during the period of this report and by far the most time consuming has been the CLC/school library at the Poly. This community resource is still a work in progress. I continue to believe that - with time - this could serve as a ‘hub’ for the English speaking community of this area.

The ‘Authentik’ magazine is a noteworthy item (no. 10) and something that should be celebrated. The people involved, namely the Secondary IV students, will have a chance to join up with their counterparts via video conference on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Poly’s third place finish in the National Entrepreneurship Day micro business (GoVenture) competitions, the joint Terry Fox activity as well as the CHSSN/PRT Healthy Living grant are all worth noting as well.

The McGill: Learning in Retirement (no. 40), a potential senior’s project is something to keep our eyes on over the coming months. This project presents a real lifelong learning opportunity for our community.

As noted in this report, the Gaspé-Perce CLC has volunteered to be one of seven case-studies for evaluation by the West Ed. evaluators. The intention of this action is to gather as much information, tools and documents to help with our own self-evaluation, due in June 2010.

## Structure

The Gaspé-Perce CLC is comprised of the English public schools of our region. The lead school and project coordinator is Gaspé Polyvalent, with key support partnership with the feeder schools Belle Anse and Gaspé Elementary. We are also partners with Wakeham Adult Education Center and the English section of the local CEGEP, Collège de la Gaspésie et des Îles.

## Steering Committee

GPS – Principal (Beryl Boyle), GES – Principal (Jennifer Roy), BAS – Principal (Howard Miller), Wakeham Adult Ed. Director (Deborah Adams), GES Teacher (Pamela Patterson), Vision Gaspé-Perce Now – President (Brad McDonald), Vision Gaspé-Perce Now – Secretary (Peter Ross), CEGEP Gaspé des Îles – Teacher (Petra Turkewitsch)  
CLC Coordinator (Don Barclay)

Sub-committees are formed with Steering committee members and partners (Ex. See number 13 in the action report).

## Partnerships

### **In partnership with community organizations, Government services, local businesses and cultural groups.**

Vision Gaspé-Perce Now, CASA, CEDEC, QFHSA, Hugh Fraser recovery institute, Service Canada, QCGN, CSSS, CHSSN, Quebec Drama Federation (QDF) English language arts network (ELAN), LEARN, Authentik, Gaspé Bottling, Caisse Populaire Desjardins, TD Bank, Breakfast Clubs of Quebec, Camp Fort Haldimand, The Mussels, Gaspé Museum, The Royal Canadian Legion, Healthy Schools, Wakeham Adult Ed., English sector of the Gaspé CEGEP, Quebec en forme, Centre for Literacy, Gold Card Program, Town of Gaspé, Pioneer Days, Barchois Interpretation centre, Radio Gaspésie, Ms. Tammy Adams and many more...

**Mission statement:** “The Community Learning Center promotes the well-being of the English-speaking community of Gaspé-Perce through a focus on life-long learning and inclusive collaboration of all linguistic and cultural partners.”

**Proposed Message statement:** “We believe that to maximize student success, extra curricular activities are the highest motivator – it is what the students remember most about their school days.”

**Proposed Vision:** “Whatever actions we undertake, we ask ourselves the simple question – will this activity help our students achieve greater success at school and in their lives? If so, by extension the community benefits.”

## **Background information**

**Gaspe Polyvalent** is a public secondary school (Secondary 1 to 5) and belongs to the Eastern Shores School Board. We are responsible for administering the QEP (Quebec Educational program) with a goal of achieving subject and cross-curricular competencies leading to certificates of pre-work training, training leading to a semi-skilled trade or a secondary school diploma. The students must follow the appropriate pathway for their own abilities and goals; the Work Oriented Pathway, the General or Applied General Pathway. Our staff consists of 10 full-time and 2 part-time teachers, along with 4 full-time teacher aides, 1 part time work-oriented pathway technician who also fulfills a part time contract as a behavioural and academic intervention technician, 1 part-time secretary, and 1 contract bus driver. Furthermore, our support staff includes our CLC coordinator whose office is located in our building and who also holds an 8 hour/week librarian position, a spiritual animator, and a representative from the Carrefour Jeunesse who maintains office hours one day/week in our building in order to provide academic and employment counselling to our students. Each individual has a key part to play in the development of our adolescents.

For Health and Social Services, we are in partnership with our local CLSC and Youth Protection for provision of, when required, special services to our students and/or families in need. Through a partnership with our neighbours and host school, C.E. Pouliot (secteur francophone) we have access to a youth clinic that includes regular doctor hours, nurse hours, and social worker hours each week. Students can make appointments to obtain these services or can be referred if they are under 14 years old. Our school is also a healthy school. The cafeteria ensures that students and their families are provided with healthy lunches and snacks at school. This by no means eliminates all food with elevated sugar, fat, or salt content as we recognize that a healthy school is more than a food policy. But most importantly, as part of our healthy school approach, we emphasize the importance of being respectful to one another. For us the psychological health and relationships of staff and students is of paramount importance.

### **Gaspe Elementary School**

...is a Pre-kindergarten to Grade 6 public school. We are part of Eastern Shores School Board. There are 106 students presently registered in our school. We have a staff of 9 full-time teachers and 5 teacher aides, 1 part-time secretary, 1 full-time janitor, 1 part-time janitor, and 1 day care supervisor. We are responsible for the development of the whole child, while implementing the Quebec Education Program. GES is a Healthy School and has been for 4 years. We were the first school in our Board to become a Healthy School - we were a pilot school for our local CSSS.

Through the Healthy Schools approach we have been modifying/changing our daily routine at school.....

- We begin our school day with 10 minutes of warm-up exercises in the gym
- We have noon hour intra-mural sports when possible
- We participate in all school board organized sporting events
- We go swimming every month and skating those months where possible
- We have decreased the number of school bells during the day
- We use the *Second Step* and *Steps to Respect* approach to work with our students regarding acceptable behaviour.
- We promote positive behaviour by acknowledging students who have been “Caught displaying good behaviour” – we also use a points system for promoting positive behaviour, which is school wide and involves teams made up from students of all grade levels (kdg. – grade 6)
- We encourage healthy eating habits
- We provide healthy snacks in the afternoon when we have the funding (we will begin in January for this school year)
- We organize “Tastings” of different fruits, vegetables, cheeses, breads, and cereals – we make smoothies – have had salad bars
- We recycle
- We compost (when possible)

For Health and Social Services, we are in partnership with our local CSSS.

- We also have a very good partnership with Youth Protection for the provision of services for those families who are in need.
- We have access to a social worker, who comes to the school to meet with students who have been referred for a variety of reasons
- We have regular visits from the school nurse and dental hygienist

**Belle Anse School** is a Pre-k to Grade 6 public school, part of the Eastern Shores School Board. We are responsible for administering the QEP (Quebec Educational program) with a goal of achieving subject and cross-curricular competencies leading to a promotion into Secondary I, Cycle One at the receiving high school Gaspé Polyvalent. Our staff of 2 full-time and 3 part-time teachers, along with 1 full-time and 1 part-time teacher aide, 1 part-time secretary, and 1 janitor-bus driver is responsible for the development of the whole child.

For Health and Social Services, we are in partnership with our local CLSC and Youth Protection for provision of, when required, special services to our students and/or families in need. On a regular basis, we are visited routinely by the school nurse. On an annual basis, students receive an examination from a dental hygienist. Our school is also a healthy school, ensuring that students and their families provide healthy lunches and snacks at school. We do allow for special occasion snacks and treats that contain sugar and/or salt. But most importantly, as part of our healthy school approach, we emphasize the importance of being nice

to one another. For us the psychological health and relationships of staff and students is of paramount importance.

Here is a list of activities:

Corn Roast for families in September (along with softball and games)

Turkey lunch for families in October

Computer Give-away program (all year long)

Christmas lunch at the Adult Education Center for our families

\*Movie Night at the Belle Anse Cineplex (for families, every two weeks)

Lunch with the seniors, December 7<sup>th</sup> at Belle Anse School

Christmas Reveillon (December 17<sup>th</sup>) Christmas meal/activities for students/staff

\*The only Cineplex east of Rimouski



**Figure 1 Mr. Don**