

Charter Schools and Alternative Programs Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 15, 2023 5:00 PM

Dr. Matthew Prophet Education Center -
Windows Cafeteria / Conference Room (Floor
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501 N. Dixon St.
Portland, OR 97227

Agenda

- I. 5:00 pm - Introduction by the Board Committee
- II. 5:05 pm - Le Monde French Immersion Charter School Renewal Public Hearing
 - 5:05 pm - Opening statement by Charter Schools Office
 - 5:10 pm - Presentation by school
 - 5:20 pm - Public comment in support
 - 5:30 pm - Public comment in opposition (if any)
 - 5:40 pm - Q&A with Board Committee





Some Basic Facts About Le Monde

- Opened in August 2012
- Approximately 385 students
- K-8th grades, 2 classes per grade
- 41 staff people, with diverse ethnic, racial, and cultural backgrounds
- 1 location close to downtown on East Burnside

What is French “immersion” education?

- Definition: Instruction in all subjects takes place in French (also commonly referred to as "target language"/TL or L2)
- Le Monde offers: full immersion
 - In Kindergarten, most instruction takes place in French (except at the beginning of the year, some “specials,” guest artists, etc.)
 - In Grades 1 and higher, 1 hr. of English Language Arts (ELA) per day, plus specials.
 - In middle school, more English is used, especially in classes like science where students need to know specific vocabulary in order to transition to high school

Why French?

- **Cultural Awareness:** French is the official language of 29 countries and is spoken by over 220 million people worldwide.
- **Career Opportunities:** French is one of the United Nations' six official languages and is widely spoken in international business, diplomacy, and tourism.
- **Improved Literacy:** Studying French can also improve students' English skills, as the two languages share many linguistic and grammatical similarities.

The basics of a Le Monde education:

- Full French immersion in all disciplines (except ELA & some “specials”)
- Not the national curriculum from France; instead, Le Monde incorporates best practices in education from around the world, including using Singapore Math and French language materials from various Francophone countries
- Well-rounded, including music, art, P.E., as well as Spanish language class beginning in third grade
- Hands-on, context-based learning across disciplines

International Baccalaureate

- International Baccalaureate (I.B.) philosophy & vision
 - Certified as an IB World School for the Primary Years Program

Program of Inquiry around six themes:

- Who we are
 - Where we are in place and time
 - How we express ourselves
 - How the world works
 - How we organize ourselves
 - Sharing the planet
- Emphasis on international perspectives/equitable approaches



Some Academic Achievements

- Independently ranked 13th of 706 Oregon public elementary schools and 4th of 367 Oregon public middle schools*
- 90% of Le Monde 8th Graders met OSAS standards in ELA (Oregon overall 45% met OSAS standards)
- 80% of Le Monde 8th Graders met OSAS standards in Math (Oregon overall 25% met OSAS standards)

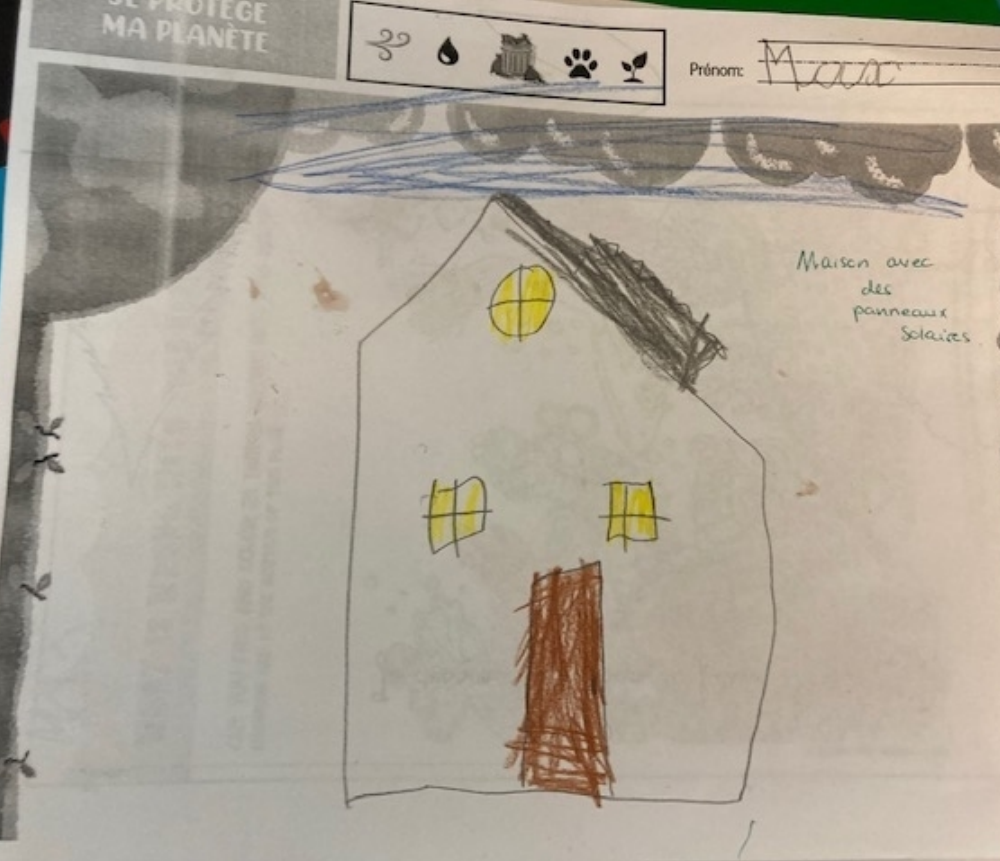
* Source: Schooldigger.com (based on OSAS scores)

Some Academic Achievements (continued)

- Since graduating its first 8th grade class in 2020, it has awarded pre-9th grade high school French credits to 100% of its graduating students, and 93% of graduating students were awarded pre-high school Algebra 1 and 2 (first year Algebra) credits
- To date, all Le Monde graduates have been awarded the Global Seal of Biliteracy

After successfully weathering the pandemic, we are again finally moving forward...

- We are focused on IB implementation, which has resulted in great project-based learning opportunities, like:
 - our K students building mini-cities out of recycled materials, as they explore our unit of inquiry “Sharing the Planet”



- our 5th Graders engaging in a video exchange with a school in Dakar, Senegal, to consider what our lives and schools look like in different parts of the world (see video at the end of this presentation)!

Moving forward, continued...

- We continue to focus on outreach to underrepresented populations, with the goal of increasing the diversity of our student body to more accurately reflect the diversity of our district.
- We are re-evaluating and continuously improving our program, considering new approaches and best practices from around the globe.

Thank you!



Press to link to: [Fifth Grade Video Exchange](#)