

## **Canadian Parents for French Kelowna Chapter Founding Meeting**

**December 12th at 6.30 pm**

**Kelowna Library (Study Room)  
1380 Ellis St. Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 2A2**

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### **French Immersion: Everything to Gain, Nothing to Lose**

“The choice to enroll a child in French Immersion is not a selfish want rooted in the parent’s past; on the contrary, it is a wise investment in the child’s future.” (Debra Pool, President, Canadian Parents for French – BC & Yukon Branch).

As parents, we all knew these words were true when we chose French Immersion for our children. We all believed this is a good educational path for our children to take in order to have an extra chance in the future. Since we took this decision by thorough considering, and good hopes, let us take now an extra step.

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) ([www.cpf.ca](http://www.cpf.ca)) is the national network of volunteers which values French as an integral part of Canada and which is dedicated to the promotion and creation of French-second-language (FSL) learning opportunities for young Canadians.

This national network works through provincial branches and local chapters. Each of the many chapters began thanks to the devoted parents, teachers, grandparents, students, and other volunteers who took the initiative to bring CPF to their community. All of the chapters are entirely grassroots in nature: not-for-profit, volunteer-run institutions that work with the local schools, school board(s), city councils, provincial/territorial branches of CPF, and even provincial, territorial, and federal politicians—all in the name of FSL education.

Now the time has come to start a Kelowna chapter. Our community is growing fast, and the French Immersion Program has goals and needs that we can address together. To be a part of this process, become a member of Canadian Parents for French. If you are a CPF member, and you want to support building the future we have chosen for our children, please come forward and actively participate in our chapter’s activities. Everybody has a word to say in this endeavour, and new ideas, as well as your feedback, are greatly appreciated. If you want to be a part of the Executive of our Chapter, you are invited to our founding meeting that will take place on Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at 6.30 pm at Kelowna Library. For more information, please contact Ana-Maria Covaser, at [anacovaser@shaw.ca](mailto:anacovaser@shaw.ca), or 250-575-7898.

Together we can help our children in their efforts of becoming better people. We can bring closer to them the French culture, for a first-hand experience. And showing them that we understand their work, and we are willing to work as hard as they are, we can make our children proud of us!