

French founder moves on

Irene Morin, who helped found the first French-language elementary school in Mississauga and was the founding chairman of the public school board's French Language Advisory Committee (FLAC), is leaving the city after 23 years.

Morin is moving back to her native Montreal but her impact on the educational scene in Mississauga will not soon be forgotten.

One of the driving forces behind a parents' group which sought a French school here, Morin was largely responsible for the establishment of Ecole Rene Lamoureux, which is operated by the Dufferin-Peel Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

Some eight years ago, she became the first chairman of the Peel Board of Education's FLAC which advises the board on secondary education. The group supervises the provision of education to Peel high school students in French at Etienne Brule in North York.

Morin served on FLAC all but one year of its existence, and has been chairman for the last several years.

At the board meeting last week, vice-chairman Margaret McKee praised Morin's contribution over the years. "She has served FLAC and the Francophones in Peel well," remarked McKee. "She was a person who really cared about the education of kids."