

Report of the Educational Policies Committee (EPC)
September 26, 2022 Meeting

CWA Consultation

Information was shared about the timeline of the consultation process. More information will be shared at the next meeting as the Regional Director is absent at the meeting.

Online Instruction

No Online Academy will take place at the LBPSB for the 2022-2023. The school board did not apply and was not granted permission to continue. EMSB did and their online academy is open to the 9 English school boards. Students with medical exemptions can make a request to apply.

A student needs to leave our school board in order to attend the EMSB online academy. About 6 requests have been made so far; their school has about 100 students in total. All teachers working at the EMSB online academy are from EMSB. There were no COVID exemptions granted to LBPSB teachers this year.

Upcoming Workshops

Some workshops are offered on October 3rd, which is a board-wide pedagogical day. Workshops are still offered on Zoom.

Mentoring

Plan is to provide workshops for mentors and mentees. Waiting for the list to be completely formed before moving forward. Mentors and mentees would attend workshops together.

An October 3rd workshop might take place and be on IEP and the use of integration aide,

Zoom Restriction

A discussion took place about the time constraints of the Zoom license. Different options were discussed.

Mathieu Canavan will inquire about the decision to have parents/teachers in person or online. There seem to be many discrepancies about school having meetings (IEP, Meet the Teachers, Parent-Teacher Interviews) in person or online. The committee mentioned it would be nice if teachers and administrators could collaborate to come up with a decision regarding the format. Mathieu Canavan will come back with some answers.

Review of Evaluation

Schools will need to complete the Evaluation and Reporting of Student Learning. Staff Council should review the documents based on teachers' recommendations. Teachers should discuss and agree as departments before finalizing the templates which will be shared with the parents.

Elementary Schools exams are worth 10% of the school year.

Ministry High Schools exams are worth 20% of the school year, which will be moderated.

Technology

There are rumours about MEQ exams being online for the 2022-2023 school year. The school board has not heard anything.

Bimodal Technology

Some devices are still being installed. There is no change on the directives from the school board.

Programs and Innovations

The Commitment to Success cycle is ending up with the Ministry. Schools will need to reevaluate their programs.

All schools offer the same program (MEQ) and schools can decide on local programs. For example, the board is not a full Deep-Learning school board and schools could decide locally on what they decide to do based on the needs of their population and on their desire.

School Success Plans timeline and the importance of the document was discussed.

The school board is hoping to make it digital and will need to analyze the data.

EDDI Working Group

Workshops are taking place and Patricia Blackett is the consultant.

At the moment at ESD, the current topics are being covered:

- EDDI consultants and groups are working on anti-Racism;
- Indigenous piece is being worked on by David Emory and Tania Tabet and some other consultants (M. Cardin) are discussing gender issues.

Summer School Results

Sec 1-2-3 classes and exams were all online

Sec. 4-5 courses online and MEQ exams at MAC.

926 students registered.

Success rates vary between 11% to 84% in History (no exam provided). Results were shared with the committee.

Retroactive credits will still take place in French and English. But Math and Science will not allow for retroactive credits. Art and physical education will allow for retroactive credits. An Info-Sanction was shared with the school board last year.

Online Project 2022-2023

Application made for Grade 11 for students dropping Physics and Chemistry and having an online course instead. The school board wants something which will work for all parties including PTU desires. A course would start in November and students would do the full-course online teacher allocation would not come from the Ministry. The school board and PTU are discussing how to plan this out.

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