

**Report of the Educational Policies Committee (EPC)**  
**Meeting of October 30, 2023**

**Technological Issues:**

IS met with the committee to discuss some of the technological problems schools have been experiencing.

- Microsoft update in August overrode the LBPSB settings, which caused the huge Wi-Fi connectivity issue this fall.
- Internet security issues: Currently IS is only able to allow access or not to the whole building, so they have only been able to open security settings in Cont Ed schools. They are working on a way to have the system recognize individual users and therefore allow access for teachers and not students.

Feedback will continue to be shared with IS, and updates are expected at later meetings.

**Modifications to Kindergarten Report Card:**

Marie-Eve Lafortune has been meeting with schools to help teachers navigate the new report cards after the workshop given by the Ministry. If anyone needs her help, please reach out to her to make arrangements to meet.

**Mesure 15103, volet 2 (\$300 per K-6 Group for Books):**

Amelia Crerar is working with consultants to create a list of books to ease purchasing, and then the school will place an order for all of their teachers to facilitate processing with Finance. Lists should be online on SSO before the end of the week. Teachers will also be able to order books not necessarily identified in the centralised list via SSO.

**Upcoming Workshops:**

On the November 17 boardwide ped day, there will be several workshops offered: AlloProf workshop on English resources, CBC, and consultant workshops, including one on ChatGPT and AI.

**Evaluation:**

The school board has received the MEQ evaluation schedule for January and June. The MAST schedule needs to be coordinated and then it can go out to the schools.

**ESL Student Support:**

There is a large number of students registering with weak or no English and French. PTU requested that consultants compile and share resources with teachers and will also continue to intervene in other committees.

**Interim Reports Distribution:**

If schools do not use the template in Mozaik, but instead create their own, they should be printing and sending home paper copies: there is no mechanism for schools to upload directly to Mozaik.

**High Schools ELA Novel Coordination + Budgets**

ESD Director Mat Canavan will send a message to principals to encourage sharing class sets of books in order to help with everyone's budgets.

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