

Educational Policies Committee (EPC)
Report to the Annual General Meeting 2023-2024

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The committee meets once a month to review recurring topics such as upcoming workshops, technology, programs and innovations.

Workshops

This year, the school board changed the format on board-wide ped days. The workshops offered were shorter and most were offered on Zoom. The committee was presented with the topics of the workshop taking place.

Regional Day on February 9, 2024, focused on the Educational Project in schools. Each institution decided on how to work on the document as a school-wide team and the information was shared with all the employees online. The objective is to submit the plans by July.

Mozaik Update

Several discussions were held on Mozaik’s compatibility problems with Google. We are still awaiting a resolution to this problem.

A method has been discovered to enable teaches to utilize Mozaik for sending emails, which will undergo testing soon. Once the system is up and running, teachers will receive an email with detailed instructions.

Technology

Ongoing conversations took place over the course of the school year on YouTube content filters, Smart Technologies and Internet Security Settings. Technology issues were brought up as they occurred at meetings to be discussed.

Regarding high school buildings, the restrictions on YouTube content filters have been lifted. If any teacher faces an issue, they are encouraged to notify IT by sharing the link, which will prompt the opening of a support ticket. The regulations for elementary schools will remain unchanged.

In the case of any persisting issues with Smart Technologies, teachers are advised to reach out to IT for further assistance.

Evaluation

Conversations took place regarding modifications to kindergarten report cards, as well as familiarization for elementary Ministry exams. Dates of Ministry exams were shared. Student evaluation was a standing item throughout EPC meetings; policies and procedures were discussed for the board level. Each school should have a Procedure for Evaluation and reporting document containing the weighting of exams, minimum grades as well as late and homework policies.

EDDI

The school board representative reported to EPC regarding the activities and initiatives which took place with the framework of EDDI. The consultants, Patricia Blackett and Angela Lionetti worked with two elementary schools to model teaching with anti-racism themes in the classroom. Lessons were also created on Youth Literature books and release opportunities were offered by LCEEQ for the interested teachers. An EDDI Policy consultation was launched at the Council of Commissioners in May.

Continuing Education

Maggie Soldano, the Regional Director of Continuing Education, provided a report every month at the committee meeting. She mentioned innovations, construction projects, grants and successes.

High School Organization

Some discussions took place regarding some high schools wanting to make upcoming changes and creating different schedules or modifying time allocation.

Culture and Citizenship in Quebec (CCQ)

As the implementation of the new CCQ program will take place in all schools next year, the committee continued to discuss workshop opportunities and possible difficulties in the implementation of the new program. Releases were available for teachers to train through various grants and LCEEQ releases.

Various Topics

Various conversations also took place on a variety of topics including Interim Report Cards distribution, high schools ELA novel coordination; ESL student support, *plan de rattrapage*, calendar consultation, OurSCHOOL Survey and Purchasing Policy.

Invited Guests and Presentations

Andrea Fraser from Sanction des Études came to meet the committee and answer questions. Jason Cantelmi, Assistant Director of Information Services came to discuss the concerns related to technology.

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