

Report of the Educational Policies Committee (EPC)
Meeting January 29, 2024

Mozaik, GPI and SMART Updates

Jason Cantelmi from IT will attend upcoming meetings to help and solve the problems. Past issues regarding Mozaik, GPI and SMART Updates have not all been addressed. If there are any upcoming questions, please contact one of the committee members so we can mention it at the next meeting.

Upcoming Workshops

LCEEQ will take place on February 12 and 13 in Laval.

Region day on February 9th: Focus will be on Educational Project. Explanations will be given on the Educational Project; it is a legal document with certain mandatory purposes and elements. School responsibilities and autonomy will be discussed. Schools can have different indicators. All schools and employees will hear the same information. Documentations will be provided for the schools to work on their orientation and objectives, should they decide to do so. School teams can decide how much they want to do on their own and how they want to do it. The objective is to submit the project by July.

Questions were raised as to why some workshops are offered in person; some are offered online. ESD tries to offer a variety of workshops either in person or online to meet the needs of the participants.

Upcoming CCQ

CCQ program should start for next school year. Release and money will be provided by the Ministry for training. It might take a while for teachers to be comfortable with the program. Schools should have conversations with staff about the class; a flexibility with co-teaching. It will need to be the student timetable; it will need to be evaluated and content (even sensitive one) needs to be taught.

EDDI Working Group

LCEEQ will be financing a lot regarding the work done on books in both French and English. EDDI creates lessons on books. Release will be covered by LCEEQ.

Continuing Education

A report was provided by Maggie Soldano noting The MEQ approved our reorganization plan to expand the Plumbing and Heating program at VACC and the Electricity program at PEC. With this investment by the MEQ we will be able to increase to add 3 more cohorts per year. Clarifications on the number of cohorts were requested by PTU.

Phase 2 of the construction project is underway at Place Cartier Adult Centre. Due to the limited space available at the front of the building, exceptionally, some classes are being offered online during the day. Phase 2 is expected to take 1 year to complete.

The MEQ will soon be launching a new STC in Health to meet the projected needs for workers in the summer. The students will be interviewed and selected by the CIUSSS to receive a \$12,000 bursary. We are expecting to run 1 cohort at PACC Vocational and 1 cohort at WICC sometime before the end of March.

Invited Guests

Andrea Fraser - Ministry liaison came to join the meeting. She is in charge of Sanction des études. Sam Rubertucci is in charge of SRAM.

Supplemental Exams for January have been changed - it started last week and will go on until February.

August MEQ Exams dates have not been changed. June exam - the last exam will be on June 20th, 2024 - and will be math CST.

Ministry exams for Elementary Schools have not been submitted yet.

A discussion took place about SRAM, exams, deadlines, and submissions dates.

Purchasing of Pedagogical Material and LBPSB Purchasing Policy

A rigid application of the purchasing policy has been put in place in certain schools and centres. In certain situations, it is creating some pedagogical problems. Mathieu Canavan will bring it up and follow up with the questions to the right committee. Alana Quinn-Leroux mentioned that the policy needs to be respected; rules are being followed more rigidly than in the past.

Evaluation of Student Learning Discussion: Evaluation Outside of School Hours

Conversations will take place prior to the launch of the Standard and Procedures of Evaluation which will be presented to the Council of Commissioners in the Fall. The policy needs to reflect what is in the Education Act and needs to allow for some flexibility for schools and centres. Discussion will be based on different problems and the aim is to support the schools and centres the best. A conversation took place about evaluation outside of School Hours.

MEQ Plan de Rattrapage

An amount of \$685,000 has been provided for LBPSB. Nathia Messina is working with Elementary schools to work on the parameters of extra sessions as well as volunteer recruitment. The names of students who have been willing to participate have been shared.

High school situation is a bit more complicated as there are more subjects to cover. Schools shall receive between \$20,000 to \$30,000. Schools are requested to take a local decision and to look at subjects where results were lower and schools will decide on how to schedule in their extra sessions (time, format...). The flexibility of how things will get done shall be decided by school-team decisions. The recommendation from the school board is to have 10 hours per group of a maximum of 5 students for about 5 weeks. This is not a requirement.

Consensus was that there will not be any activities in High Schools, while there might be some activities during March Break. Salary is to be confirmed, looking at 1/100th of teachers' salary; but conversation still needs to happen about planning and correcting. Teachers will be prioritized to give the *plan de rattrapage* (full-time; part-time; retirees; stagiaires).

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