
Report of the Educational Policies Committee (EPC)
Meeting of September 30, 2024

Mozaik Updates

- Concerns were brought to Jason Cantelmi about the Google module glitches still occurring.

LBPSB Network Accessibility

- High Schools and Elementary teachers should now be able to use the Internet without any filters.
- The more secure way to proceed is for teachers to use their teacher login credentials when using all school computers. This should lift the restrictions on both wireless and wired networks. If teachers are still experiencing some bugs, please send them to PTU.

Upcoming Workshops

- September 18 was the first New Teachers Meeting; topics included IEP writing.
- EDDI will continue to offer their Anti-Racism workshops. They will go multiple times to the following schools: Terry Fox, Allion, Forest Hill Senior and Dorval.
- On October 1st and 2nd : Andrée Poulin will give a workshop on : “*Comment exploiter la lecture à haute voix à partir d’albums jeunesse*” to Elementary French teachers.
- The Critical Thinking project will take place at Macdonald High School. Teachers will be released to attend workshops with Garfield Gini-Newman from the University of Toronto. Macdonald High School will be a pilot school. This is to promote critical thinking at the High School level.
- Many PDIGs were refused this year as they were not funded. LEARN and LCEEQ funding has changed over the years and the Canada-Québec Entente has not been signed yet leading to PDIGs not being funded.

Technology

- **Diffit Program**
 - Diffit program is available for teachers: it allows the modification and translation of documents using AI. It helps with modification and creating differentiation of texts. The programs offer different templates to be used.
 - The school board has shared the information with schools. Teachers can use it if needed. Barry Hannah and Sheila Dunwoodie are available to visit interested schools at lunchtime to provide a workshop.

Programs and Innovations

- **Implementation of CCQ 2024-2025**
 - Positive : Many digital resources available for teachers. LEARN Quebec offers the French resources; while the English Resources are available through a local website made by consultants.
 - The textbooks are not ready yet, as only one textbook is currently available and school boards have decided to wait until more choices are available before ordering.

- Student's right to be exempted for parts of the program: Parents are able to ask for an exemption from some sections of the program but not from the course as a whole. Parents need to provide medical notes or religious documentation; as a rule parents will be refused unless they provide all of the required documents and the exemption is justified.

EDDI Working Group

- Provincial funding was available for EDDI working group whose work will now be available for all English School Boards.

Continuing Education

- The MEQ cut the subsidy for students enrolled in part-time francization courses as of September 23rd. Although no changes were made to students enrolled full-time, we anticipate this will impact future enrolment at both Adult Centres.
- To free up space for in-person courses, PACC Adult will pilot an online synchronized course in high Math in Spring 2025.
- In vocational training both PACC and WICC were on standby to be ready to continue to offer the health STC 4770 Support for Assistive Services in Health and Social Services Institutions this fall. The MEQ has put this initiative on hold until further notice. As such, centres are not permitted to offer this STC.

Changes to Adult Ed Exam Accommodations - *Sanction des études*

- Questions were asked and will be transmitted to Maggie Soldano.
 - **Andrea Fraser - from LBPSB - *Sanction des études* was present at the meeting as a guest.**
 - **MEQ Exam Values.**
 - MEQ announced that the values of the MEQ exams will return to what there were pre-pandemic. Therefore, exam values are as follows:
 - 20% for Elementary Ministry Exams
 - 20% for Secondary 2 *Français Langue d'Enseignement* Exam
 - 50% for Secondary 4 and Secondary 5 Ministry Exams
 - **Removal of Mandatory Medical Note**
 - The MEQ announced that a medical note is no longer needed for students to be absent for Elementary and Secondary 2 Ministry Exams (FLE).
 - **Mark Submission Deadline Changes of Dates**
 - Local and Ministry marks submissions were changed at the last minute last June.
 - Exam submission was done on time; there was a quick turnaround in submission; teachers were flexible enough to submit their grades. The school board recognizes the fact that teachers were excellent at submitting their grades on time and jumping through hoops to submit their results on time.
 - The school board is hoping the process will be more fluid this year.
 - School Council should be part of the conversation when it comes to deciding what are the due dates of term marks submission. Building submission dates and looking at exam dates should be done as a collaborative item.
 - **MEQ Dates of Exams**
 - Not available yet

Measure 15103 (\$300 per Homeroom for Classroom Books for Elementary Schools)

- Has been continued.
- Purchasing policy needs to be used. The school board needs to use a variety of vendors. The school board will send a list of recommended lists and vendors; schools can send in their individual forms. One form per school.
- Same process as what was done last year.

MEQ Annual Instructions 2024-2025

- Still awaiting the Ministry to send dates.

Student Evaluation Policy

- The school board shared a document to seek some committee members on the topic of student evaluation policy. More discussion to come during upcoming meetings.

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