

## Educational Policies Committee Meeting September 24, 2009

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John Brennan was acclaimed as Chairperson, and Renée Laurendeau as Secretary for 2009-2010.

**Textbooks:** An update was given.

**ERC:** Cycle 3: Symphonie should be in schools - 1 set per grade. Symphony will be ordered for Eng. Cycle 3.

Cycles 1 & 2: An English translation of CEC material will be arriving soon. The Board will not provide workbooks (against Ministry policy) - it is up to schools to order them, and parents pay.

Secondary: All are in except for Sec. 5 T&S Math, which should be in any day. They were ordered Aug. 25, but MELS didn't print enough.

**Social Sci.** - Panoramas (level 3 & 4) and Immediate (level 5) were ordered in June.

Science:     Sec. 3& 4: Both pathways (same text).  
                  Sec. 3 - schools had a choice and ordered through Ken Elliott.  
                  Sec. 4 - Ken Elliott ordered for everyone.  
                  Sec. 5 - Chemistry & Physics - only for next year.

ERC - Sec. 1, 2, 4, 5: Coming soon - a class set and Teacher Guide per grade. A suggestion was made to order more teacher guides, and Ken will look into it.

### **Running Records:**

Information was given - it should be in schools by now.

### **Write Traits:**

Write Traits is a Board-mandated programme which is in the Board strategic plan. ESD is setting up a pilot project for Cycle 2, with a few schools in each sector. It would be an evaluation tool for Cycle 2 writing, with the same tasks, rubrics, and exemplars for each level. It would be used at a specific time to assess writing for Board-wide results. Eventually it would be used by all schools. The teachers at the table expressed many concerns about this project.

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