

Educational Policies Committee October 27, 2009

1. Update on Running Records – ESD has heard lots of feedback. As of this date, 20 schools had entered data for 1528 students (547 in Cycle 1, 523 in Cycle 2 and 458 in Cycle 3). They will be setting up a focus group, made up of teachers and administrators, to look at the use of Running Records, timeline, Balanced Literacy (especially guided reading). Details are still being worked out – more news to come.
2. Write Traits – Background information was given about when and how Write Traits was brought into the School Board. More training will be offered during the year. They are moving ahead with the pilot project in Cycle 2.
3. MELS exams – this is the 2nd year for “épreuves d’appoint” (complimentary exams). ESD wants schools to use the exams and count the mark for a certain percentage. Ken seemed a little vague about whether ESD would set the percentage, or schools. More info will be coming.
4. Upcoming Workshops – There will be workshops for all High School teachers at the implementation level (Cycle 2 Sec.) on Nov. 19. Look for more information in the schools.
5. Progression of Learning document – There is a very good document from MELS, which shows all items that should be taught at each grade level in elementary schools. Administrators present did not seem to be familiar with the document. It was suggested that it should be made available to all teachers. This will be looked into.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Dixon