

Educational Policies Committee Report February 23, 2010

1. Running Records Focus Group – the first meeting was held Feb. 3, and it was felt that it was very productive. They will meet again in early March.
2. High School Exam schedule – some changes have been made, namely to the Sec. 5 English exam. There are still other concerns expressed by the high school teachers – Michael Chechile is looking into this.
3. Elementary Exam schedule – was given out, and should be available in the schools.
4. Write Traits update – there are no firm plans to require that Cycle 2 teachers use it, and no firm plans for an exam based on Write Traits. It is not mentioned in the new LBPSB Strategic Plan.
5. IEP's – we had a presentation from Cindy Finn on preparing and timing of IEP's. There still seems to be no clear consensus on when, how, and for whom IEP's are prepared.
6. High School – 2nd Cycle programmes – some concerns were expressed regarding Science programmes in particular. In some schools, the Science offered is for 8 credits instead of 6, with the 2 extra credits taken from core subjects such as French. In some schools, students did not have the option of the 3 Science options offered to them – thereby possibly disadvantaging them when applying to CEGEP. Michael will look into both concerns.

The next meeting is March 23, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
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