

Educational Policies Committee (EPC)

Meeting of April 25, 2022

Virtual Campus + Online Instruction

- Not accepting students at this point
- Students exempted should have already been

Presentations - DELF Q&A (Marc Albert & Sylvie Campeau; French Consultants)

Both consultants answered questions regarding the DELF program in Elementary schools. Questions were submitted by PTU and answered by the consultants prior to the meeting. Questions arose on the unified DELF testing which will take place in Grade 6 in Elementary Schools. The test should take place in April and the objective is to have data in order to facilitate the placement of grade 6 students in High School and to be aware of their French level when they reach our schools. Parents, teachers and resource teams would have access to the results.

The objective is to have a common language; even if all elementary schools offer a French immersion program in the eyes of the Ministry, the expectations might be different from one school to another. A uniformed exam might help this situation and allow all to have a common language.

This is a different test than the one done in Grade 5 for Special Programs, which only interested students take. The A2 DELF test would be administered to all grade 6 students across the school board.

EDDI Working Group

The EDDI working group is ready to edit their package of resources. It will be presented as a website and updated regularly. Books, short stories and lessons will be presented. A final review is taking place at this time before being officially released on SSO. Consultants will also share information in their newsletter.

Podcasts were shared with some schools. ESD is finishing up the second podcast now and will look to share it shortly.

Upcoming Workshops

It seems like no major release workshop will take place for this year.

Technology

An email clarifying the use of bimodal technology was shared by ESD with teachers. Installation is ongoing, as some high school classes have not received them.

Continuing Education

Sebastien Joly from QPAT received some information regarding the McGill program for Continuing Education which will probably be delayed. It is unlikely that it will start in the fall.

Terms and Ministry Exams (Mark Submission Deadlines)

2022-2023 - Going back to 3 terms for next school year - 20% for first term, 20% for second term and 60% for the last term.

MEQ mark submission deadline dates are as follows:

October 15 for interim report cards

November 20 for first term

March 15 for second term

July 10 for third term

Not quite back to normal on evaluation pieces: Elementary exams as well as cycle 1 High School Ministry exams will be worth 10% instead of 20%. Ministry exams in High School for cycle 2 will also have lower weighting (20% instead of up to 50%).

Online Pilot Projects

Funding is offered from the Ministry of Education for different options for online pilot projects.

Option 1 - Sec. 4 and 5 Option classes

- Being considered
- Class could start later for students who are struggling with Chemistry and Physics

Option 2- Online schools for medical exemption- Not being considered by LBPSB.

EMSBS will apply to run an online school which would be run provincially

Option 3 - short-term distance education

- "*Cours à domicile*" style based
- Either for behavioral or medical reason
- For a short period

Option 4- Hybrid (comodal) distance education - Not being considered by LBPSB.

Options considered are 1 and 3. A lot of work needs to be done by ESD, Human Resources and PTU in order to organize, plan and discuss.

LEARN Quebec has lost all their online classes as only school boards are able to offer online classes and LEARN does not qualify as one.

The application to the Ministry of Education should come with some money and not directly from regular teaching allocation. The school board will not agree to run programs if there is no money associated with their implementation.

LBPSB will apply for both options 1 and 3 and may decline one or both. ESD was unable to provide a timeline.

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