

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE
Meeting of 26th February, 2014

A presentation was given by Peter Gilson (WOTP Coordinator) on the WOTP (Work-Oriented Training Path) programs currently in various high schools. He discussed the philosophy, rationale, admission requirements, hosting schools, successes and challenges plus the end product.

PTU talked about the complaints from elementary teachers regarding student stress, lack of correction time, detraction from actual teaching time and the actual necessity of having so many Board exams on top of the MELS exams. The Board recognizes the issue, will analyze the situation and consult with PTU.

PTU raised the issue of having workshops on Ped Days when teachers are in the middle of doing Report Cards.. The PTU President's directive concerning the February 7th Ped Day apparently caused distress among some school administrators. The Board and PTU will meet after the March break to discuss the issue.

PTU raised the issue about requiring veteran teachers to attend Correction Centers when they have already "been there, done that". Plus the distances to a single marking center is problematic for many teachers. A suggestion for Regional Marking centers will be examined by the Board.

Workshops will be held on April 25 and May 16 for Elementary and Secondary teachers, respectively. There will be no workshops on the mini-day of April 28.

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