

Education Policies Committee  
Meeting of December 8, 2015

Present: Heidi Yetman, Layla Barroca, Roger Plourde, John Donnelly, Ann Granger, Paul Pompa, Marie Wahba, Steven Colpitts, David Chisholm, Tom Rhymes, Ronnie Marin, David Estok  
Regrets: Robert Taylor

International Program: The availability for international students to get help from the resource room at the elementary level will be followed up by the School Board. International students can not have IEPs, therefore resource help is not usually recommended.

An ESL (English as a Second Language) methods workshop was offered at the School Board through Concordia University. A second workshop may be available.

Upcoming ESD workshops : Marie Wahba reported that workshops are posted on the portal for teachers that are interested.

Evaluation: High school mid-term exams are a local decision. Any arrangements for creation and invigilation of exams must be made at the school council level. The exam period is decided upon in May, when the school calendar is created. Once an exam period has been placed into the school calendar, it is recommended to adhere to the plan. Under basic school regulations, teachers are responsible for the evaluation of their students.

Continuing Education: Workshops are being looked at for the Pedagogical Day in April. (Note that high school requirements for entry into programs have remained the same.)

The MATRIX presentation: Marie-Josée Coiteux, Principal of Westwood Junior High School, gave a presentation on the MATRIX program. This laptop program has been in existence since 2011. The program, with the help of a group of five teachers, uses technology to engage students in science, math, english, french and social sciences. Community service, school life activities, field trips, guest speakers and a cross-curricular project are part of the program. The program continues into Westwood Senior High School.

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