

Educational Policies Committee
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ESD

This school year, several workshops were organized by ESD. Most of the workshops were focussed on the following topics: formative assessment, the collaborative inquiry process and 21st Century Learning. François Masse and Ainsley Rose were invited to give conferences about formative assessment practices, while Digital Citizenship Programme workshops (offered both to the DCP reps and then opened to all teachers on the Board-wide Ped Day in February) highlighted integrating technology into the classroom and making learning visible in the 21st century. Additionally, the Summer Tech Institute began in May and will continue to take place during the end-of-year June ped days.

Evaluation

The Board, in consultation with PTU, is currently in the process of reviewing the Evaluation of Student Learning policy. The intention is for the policy to reflect a more formative assessment model. The school board is also re-evaluating the current number of Board-wide compulsory exams. Discussions about the tight timeline of the grade 6 exam and the toll it takes on the students also took place

Programs and Innovations

- 3 Ministry programs/initiatives are slated to begin next school year (2017-2018)
 - ▶ Financial Literacy - This is a mandatory, 50 hour course for Secondary V students. Training will be provided for those teachers intending to teach the course next year.
 - ▶ The new Sexual Education curriculum (postponed for now).
 - ▶ ACGC (Continuum of Academic and Career Guidance Content) - This initiative provides that students from grade 6 - 11 be presented with 5-10 hours of ACGC content a year. The program will be in place next year for grades 6 and 7 and then fully implemented by 2018-2019.
- Starting in the spring of 2018, grade 5 students will write the entrance exams for the enriched programs of the high school of their choice, at their own school. The entrance exam will be written on a Board-wide ped day.
- The DELF certification (Diplome Etudes en Langue Française) will be piloted in some high schools next year.
- The Summer Bridge Program will be offered in a live, online virtual classroom this summer.
- Discussions took place on programs already implemented within the LBPSB school's such as the IB program and the importance of arts in the schools.

VAR

The board reviewed the VAR guidelines as presented by PTU. Some adjustments were made to the current VAR forms.

Staff Council Workshop

A staff council workshop was prepared by members of both PTU and the board. Thus far it has been successfully presented in some schools. The presentation of this workshop will continue into next school year.

Presentations

EPC received presentations throughout the year on the following topics;

ACGC (Continuum of Academic and Career Guidance Content

DELF certification (Diplome Etudes en Langue Française)

Cegep statistics for LBPSB students

The LBPSB International Program

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