

**Educational Policies Committee (EPC)**  
**Report of Meeting of March 25, 2013**

**Bill 56**

- All schools have presented their plans to their respective Governing Boards
- All schools are in the process of revisiting their Codes of Conduct in order that they are in-line with their Bill 56 plans

**Secondary June Exam Schedules**

- These are now available to schools
- June 2014 Exam schedule looks very much like 2013's

**Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> Board wide Ped Day**

- Very successful with over 600 participants
- Positive evaluations were received from all participants

**Upcoming ESD Workshops**

- April 19 – Elementary – Register on Portal for workshops (NOT mandatory)
- May 17 – Secondary – Register on Portal for workshops (NOT mandatory)
- June 26 & 27 Summer Institute being planned

**Adult and Vocational**

- Presentation was given by Gloria Keenan (Director of Adult/Vocational)
- Transition program from Secondary to Vocational Programs was presented by Ashley Danielfoot
- 24 programs exist in our system
- They are in the process of taking the 'Vocational Roadshow' to Secondary schools as well as Adult Centres – and to some elementary schools as well

**Release time for Marking Centers**

- 2 days for Grade 6 ELA Exam
- 2 days for Grade 6 math Exam (if teacher has 2 classes)

**School Based Option Courses in Secondary**

- Can be created by individual schools as long as protocol is followed i.e. Council to Governing Board
- Can take to paths: 1) If the course is similar to others already in existence – Course Code is given after consultation with ESD; 2) If not similar, there needs to be a MELS application and approval

**Next meeting:** April 23, 2013

Respectfully submitted,  
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