

## Minutes Educational Policy Committee February 5,2021

**Quorum Requirement-** Lisa Mosher, Carl Garrett, Shea McGinnes, Karen Kean, Nadine Savage, Averill Huxter (all by distance)

**Approval of the minutes** November 2020 moved by- Karen Kean

**Approval of the agenda-**moved by Carl Garrett with video recording added to varia

**Business Arising-**

None

**New Business-**

A) **BSR changes-** Two term school year with new end date of term 1 as February 5. 2021. The January 8<sup>th</sup> letter did not show the weightings of the terms. The ministry wanted to look at the scores first. Moderation has been eliminated. Teacher judgment is to be used. There is no longer a block of release time for an exam period but further instructions are to be researched on whether further direction will be given on this. In addition, pools of questions may be created so that teachers can prioritize the topics that they taught in a local exam situation. The priorities of learning have been released. Teachers are encouraged to be sure that they have traces of learning to defend the scores that are seen on the report card as any challenges will be judged on the teacher's professional judgement only.

B) **Online delivery Pedagogical Days** Good participation noted for the first of the three ped days with some schools viewing at a later date from the recorded session. March 22 will continue with going through the Distance Learning Playbook. A survey that is to be done by staff and students about their experiences with online learning has been sent to principals.

C) **Tutoring Support** Students who are struggling are being referred to a tutoring bank. All staff can apply for the tutoring work. You may not be set up with your own students. The time for tutoring is to be until June 2021.

D) **Student attendance** Covid-19 fears have kept some students out of the schools. The Quebec policy of only the medically necessary cases of students being exempt is currently in the courts. Truancy laws seem to not have helped. Aking contact with families should be a priority. IF a student on an IEP is missing a lot of time, teachers are encouraged to speak with the director of complimentary services.

**E) Code of Conduct and Bullying procedures** 0 cases have been reported following the AVAB procedures. Principals have been asked to review the codes of conduct in the schools. Schools are going over the AVAB paperwork to ensure it is being used properly. Parents need to understand that the commissioners are not who should be called if there is suspicion of bullying.

**F)Teacher Reference Framework** The teaching competencies have been updated.

**Varia:**

**A) Digital recording**

Chromebook lending and media use forms do have clauses that mention the recording of staff and students, but it is a school-by-school decision. The teachers have recommended that it be a policy that be discussed. As we are online more and more, with things such as zoom sessions being recorded, issues of online class being recorded off screen. The Human resources is taking up the discussion, with the support of the digital citizenship program for schools.

Next meeting: Friday, April 23, 2021