

Minutes Educational Policy Committee Meeting

September 10th, 2021

Zoom Meeting

9 a.m.

1. Mrs. Lisa Mosher welcomes everyone for this first EPC Meeting of 2021-2022. Since we are beginning a new school year, we need to nominate a Chair and secretary. Mr. Carl Garrett is now Chair and Mrs. Nadine Savage will now be the secretary.
2. Attendance – by distance
Carl Garrett – Chair
Lisa Mosher -DES
Nadine Savage – Secretary
Karen Kean
Averill Huxter
3. Quorum requirements met.
4. Approval of the Agenda moved by Karen Kean, seconded by Averill Huxter. APPROVED
5. Business Arising
 - a) Follow up on recent BSR changes regarding evaluation and weighting.
Important dates : November 19th, 2021 – First communication has to be sent to parents by this date, and April 22nd for the second communication. There are 2 terms in 2021-2022 school year, the first one ends before January 28th (40%) and the second term ends before July 10th (60%). There will be Uniform Exams in June, and the weighting is 10% for Elementary exams and 20% for Secondary exams.
 - b) The BSR change to preschool reporting
The priority is the importance of PLAY
 - c) Digital recording policies
Has not been changed, waiting for Ministry Report.
6. New Business
 - a) Word from HR that online teaching remains undetermined as far as HR as been informed.
 - b) The Revitalization Plan
An important key document recently published by the Ministry of Education about learning gaps after the pandemic
 - c) Plans for ERC
Delayed again for one more year
 - d) Tutoring and Mental Health funding to continue
Funding is ready, schools have to look at their needs

- e) MEQ Formation
Will be published in the Link In, prepared by our Board Consultants. Please attend English workshops when available
- f) Round Table
Teachers and principals discuss about how things are going in their schools, and share about their different or similar realities.
- g) Review changes to IEPs
Marie-Christine Plourde and Sandy Astles present a powerpoint about a new tool for IEPs that will be a PILOT project for 5 ESSB schools, using One Note program.
- h) Land Acknowledgements (Board promotion)
Averill Huxter explains that in January, ESSB promoted “Why would you send your child to English school” and one of the answers was to be exposed to English and Micmac language. However, Mrs Huxter explains that we also have Cris and other cultures. Mrs Mosher will discuss this with ESSB Director General.

7- Varia

During this meeting, Mrs Mosher received the new BSR. This document will be sent to principals soon.

8- Next Meeting Date

October 28th, 2021 From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

9- This meeting is adjourned at 11:22 a.m.