

Educational Policy Committee
Minutes of May 6th, 2022 Meeting

Zoom meeting

1 p.m.

Attendance (By distance)

Carl Garrett (Chair)
Deborah Foltin (DES)
Nadine Savage (Secretary)
Karen Kean
Ruth Copping
Averill Huxter

1. Welcome

Mrs Deborah Foltin welcomes everyone for this EPC meeting. Mrs Foltin is our new Director of Educational Services, replacing Mrs Lisa Mosher.

2. Quorum requirements met.

3. Approval of the agenda moved by Mrs. Averill Huxter, seconded by Mrs. Ruth Copping.

4. Approval of last minutes (Meeting of October 28th, 2021) moved by Mrs. Averill Huxter, seconded by Mrs. Ruth Copping.

5. Business Arising

- a. There will be no presentation about Mosaik.
- b. ES-151 (Special Needs) This policy has to be reworked, since it does not represent the reality of our classrooms. The latest official policy was written in 2011. However, it is not clear if it's EPC or SEPC committee to make changes. Mrs Foltin will bring this problem to the management team at ESSB to see how the process works and who is in charge.

6. New Business

- a. Ministry Examinations / material / student absences
Mr. Garrett presents the fact that some students missed a lot of classes due to Covid this year. The fact that moderation is still there is an issue and it creates anxiety. This year, exams will weigh less than usually. For next year (2022-2023), we do not know if there will be 2 or 3 terms, info was not given yet.
- b. High School Exam Period and Attendance

It is important to respect the 180 days of school. There should be less exams for students this year, and teachers should teach as much as they can, since they have missed a lot of school related to Covid.

c. Tutoring Money

Each school decide how to spend this budget.

d. How measures are allocated

There are guidelines written by the government and have to be respected. It is public information. Some measures can be used for hiring, depending on school needs.

e. Student Groupings Determination

There are limits to respect and other factors to look at (dynamic needs, teacher's availability, behavior, etc.) and are different from one year to another. It is important to find the balance and to look at the support and help that could be offered to teachers.

f. Anti-Racism in Education

Mrs. Averill Huxter presents the QPAT policy against racism and brings the idea of creating a similar policy for ESSB.

g. Learn Courses

Any courses given to students require supervision, as long as there is an adult in the classroom, it could be a teacher, tech or students supervisor. It's a local decision.

7. Varia

a. Absenteeism

We have an absenteeism policy at ESSB, however it is not being applied. Lots of students are missing school this year, however, it should be a case by case to see if the policy should be applied. It should be discussed with the staff and educational services should know. There are parameters that have to be respected when you are delivering a program, such as a number of hours and the right of students to be evaluated on what they have learned. Follow-up have to be done with parents, and Youth Protection if needed. A letter should be sent to parents if a student is often absent.

8. Date of Next Meeting : October 7th, 2022

9. The meeting is adjourned at 2:40 p.m.