September has been an intensive month of planning for ESD. Consultants have been designing workshops that will be available through the ESD workshops series offered to elementary and secondary teachers. The Fall and Winter sessions are already planned and registration has begun on the Portal for the Fall session. As a member of the Evidence-based Practice Initiative we have attended several seminars on the use of data for result-making decisions in schools and will be able to share this knowledge with board and school administrators. We represent the Anglophone community on a committee at MELS which is looking at making recommendations to the Minister of Education on the integration of students with special needs in special project schools. Our work should be ready to go to Madame Beauchamp in December.

The September 23rd High School workshops, aligned with our strat plan, were well attended. As well, the ‘Day of Discovery’ was a big success. Teachers were presented with a wealth of educational web tools that can easily be integrated in the classroom. The list of Oct 7th Elementary workshops was sent to all schools. We are putting the finishing touches on a DCP website that will soon be accessible to all our school communities. We continue to participate on various English Education committees to support the Partnership, Management and Educational Success Agreements.

Michael Chechile & Lise Charlebois

Daycare

J. Levac

- With the start of a new year, daycares were busy preparing to receive the students on the first day of school, registering new students on a daily basis and making sure registrations forms have all the information required. Communication with parents is essential at this time of year.
- The first daycare technicians’ meeting took place on Wednesday September 14th; Donna Marziliano from Human Resources was present to discuss last minute staffing issues. A presentation and information session was given by Nathalie Constant from SSD on the Safe and Caring Schools Committee. Anne Tetro from Food Services informed the technicians on procedures relating to food distribution & food ordering in daycares.
- Once again this year, we have established a partnership with the Association des services de garde en milieu scolaire du Québec (ASGEMSQ), to offer a one day conference on November 11th, for all daycare technicians throughout Québec.
- Attended a two day training session on the upcoming Attestation d'étude professionnelles (AEP) for School Daycare Educators on September 20th & 21st.

Français langue seconde, Maternelle, Cycles 1, 2 et 3

T. Foliot

- September was a busy month meeting teachers and helping them with planning literacy activities.
- 4 teams of teachers from the Lester B Pearson School Board, Arlene Scott and I will be part of a project on Similarity in teaching English and French, second language. This project is a partnership which includes consultants and teachers from English School Boards, McGill researchers and the MELS. Our first meeting was held in September.
- Presented ESL program and the progression of learning to the parents of home-schooled children.
- Attended a professional day offered by Discovery Education at Lakeside Academy.
- I have worked in collaboration with Sophie Lussier and Suzanne Nesbitt planning the launching of the first book of Sourialu.
Support for Elementary Math, Science et technologie, Univers Social  S. Lussier

- Following the presentation of the new framework for evaluation, I worked with Chantal Brunet on updating the math documentation presenting the Evaluations tools in mathematics.
- I worked on gathering LESS to create a resource binder to support the teacher in the Français + program; I also participated in the first meeting.
- I participated in planning and organizing the Souriau contest 2011-12 edition. We worked on selecting new picture books, launching the registration and organizing the ceremony to present Souriau’s 1st book that was illustrated by Marie-Eve Pilon’s students from Mount Pleasant Elementary school. The launching will take place on September 29th, 2011 at their school.
- I led a planning meeting for 2 new projects in science-technologie and univers social, details to follow.
- I have met with teachers to support them with curriculum mapping in mathematics, science-technologie and univers social.

Elementary Physical Education  P. Gilson

- Some of our Physical Education Teachers attended a CPR training course on the September 23rd Professional Day.
- Plans have been finalized for the annual Ultimate Frisbee tournament which will be taking place at 3 different locations (Dorset, Edgewater and Greendale) on Tuesday September 27th.
- Plans have been finalized for the annual Handball Tournament which will be held on October 3rd and 4th at Dorset school.
- The Physical Education & Health teachers will meet on Friday October 7th for a morning of Professional Development.
- Plans have been finalized for the annual Cross Country Run which will be held on October 18th and 19th at the Morgan Arboretum.

Career Development & WOTP  P. Gilson

- New programs in WOTP and Projet Particulier are being implemented this year. I have been meeting with individual teachers to help with the implementation.
- Workshops for POP, EXPLOR and WOTP teachers will be given on the September 23rd Professional Day.
- LPBPSB hosted a workshop for WOTP Language Arts teachers on September 28, 2011. The workshop was given by Lynn Senecal from MELS.

Work Study  A. Scarano

- The school year 2011-2011 has started and it looks like it will be another successful year with all of the Work-Study programs.
- There have been some changes in the Genesis program at Lindsay Place High School with a new Animator joining the Genesis team, we welcome Jeannie Leaman to the Work-Study team.
- Good luck to all of the Work-Study programs and their amazing teams.

CFER Riverdale  A. Scarano

- CFER Riverdale is beginning its 5th year with a record number of 40 students, the largest number to date.
- We welcome Alain Lachesseur to the CFER team as a teacher.
- Numerous more tons of material were processed during the summer as 6 students and teachers worked throughout the summer thanks to a Federal Government grant and the CFER’s Board of Directors.
- As part of working together with Bureau en Gros and collecting electronic waste as part of their Mission Zero Dechets, CFER Riverdale last year processed a total of 185169.32 lbs of materials and a total of 8040 pieces of equipment from our 10 stores.

Ethics and Religious Culture/ Interculural Education/ PELO/  N. Le Bihan

- Support new teachers teaching ERC and order needed materials.
- Organize the PELO (Heritage Language Program) in nine elementary schools. More schools this year have shown interest in the Italian program.
- Inform elementary and high schools of the intercultural projects subsidized by the MELS. A special emphasis will be given to those projects this year.

Nutrition Education  R. Chiappetta & M. Cardin

- H.S. nutrition & cooking teachers from PCHS, ST-Thomas and JRHS were met. Teachers presented their course outlines, shared their classroom materials, discussed their challenges and needs. The nutrition community in the portal was updated to support these needs.
- Cooking classes have started at Lakeside with the semi-skilled and pre-work students. Students were excited to work in a newly renovated kitchen!
- A newsletter on healthy lunches and snacks was developed and posted on the portal. This newsletter is available to school administrators and teachers who wish to emphasize healthy eating in their schools.

Information Communication Technology  B. Hannah

- Helped organize & run CampTIC 2011 for Montreal area subject domain consultants.
- Digital Citizenship Program workshop for parents.
- Workshop introducing iPod Touches and iPads to Beurling staff.
- Digital Citizenship Program workshops for in-school administrators.
- Conception & creation of Digital Citizenship Program website

Educational Technology  S. Connery

- Provided support for the one-to-one laptop program at Westwood Jr.
- Helped develop teacher websites.
- Collaborated with Chantal Brunet and Sophie Lussier to develop a new technology activity for the math olympics.
- Collaborated with Meagan Kearney on the DCP curriculum

Digital Citizenship  M. Kearney

- Worked with DCP team to complete DCP curriculum map.
- Gave DCP session for administrators September 19th & 26th.
- On-going work to gather resources and complete the DCP website.
- Gave social networking and online safety and security session to MAMTRIX 1.1 students at Westwood Jr.
- Parent 2 Parent workshop training conducted by Tanya Aritz on September 1st.

Pearson Community Partnership  N. Battet

- The MELS Introduction to Entrepreneurship Measure was a great success again this year. 88% of the projects submitted received funding representing a total of $197, 300.00. Congratulations to all participants!
- Meetings with Principals and teachers from elementary and high school are taking place after school or at lunch time to plan community support to teachers to support curriculum being taught in the classroom.
- Lester B. Pearson School Board teachers, students, support staff and parents from various elementary schools will take part in the Score with School program where they will attend a hockey game between the McGill Redmen and Royal Military College junior team on November 22, 2011 at Verdun Auditorium.
- Students from grade 7 & 8 Discovery Science program at BHS will attend the Vanier College Ecology Field Station on October 14, 2011, to learn about various aspects of Environment and Wildlife Biology to link with curriculum.
- Students and teachers from various elementary schools will benefit from presentations during the year from graduate students from the Montreal Neurological hospital who will visit classrooms to discuss various topics on the Brain as part of their Integrated Program in Neuroscience.

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Community Liaison/Action Lasalle M. Albert
- Coordinated the Homework Zone Project with McGill University, which brings volunteer McGill University students to Elementary and High school’s to tutor students after school.
- Coordinating Youth Fusion projects Music, Theatre and Robotics as part of the Homework Zone project for LCCHS. Music, Math/Science tutoring and Robotics will be launching at Beurling Academy.
- Coordinating the MR3 project at LCCHS. LCCHS had a very successful first year with over 60 students completing their one-week stay over the summer in over 19 different job sectors. MR3 will now be at Beurling Academy.
- Launching YMCA Alternative Suspension program for LCCHS, Beurling Academy and Lakeside Academy in October.

School & Professional Libraries, Cultural Programs & Visual Arts S. Nesbitt
- Book purchasing for Birchwood Elementary Library
- Promoting Culture in the Schools (phone and in-school support, drop-in sessions), and Libres comme Fart, an artist-in-residence project.
- Facilitating and accompanying Margaret Manson students to the Peace Garden unveiling at Dawson College
- Collaborer à la préparation du programme Sourialu 2011-2012 afin de promouvoir la lecture de la 1e à 3e année. Travailler à l’organisation du lancement du livre de Sourialu.
- Collaborer au programme Qui lira vaincra! afin de promouvoir la lecture en français en secondaire I. (organisation, liaison avec les profs en Arts : concours de logo, éléments de décor pour la compétition)
- Participating in the organization of Pointe-Claire Now and Then, an event celebrating their 100th anniversary in which elementary students will participate.

School Libraries, Information Literacy & Databases R. Dixon
- Completed the creation of the new library database for the ESD Bibliomobile collection.
- Attending the following conferences: MELS Literacy Camp Association pour la promotion des services documentaires scolaires (APSDS)
- Updated the library software ( REGARD) and the procedures on cataloguing library materials. Gave several mini-workshops to the school library technicians on the new changes. By using the mini-workshop format, 100% of the school library technicians were able to attend!
- Trained the new library technician for Birchwood Elementary.
- Gave a REGARD circulation workshop for the library volunteers at Dorval Elementary.

Information Literacy & Databases M. Sinclair
- Automating the library catalogues at Beurling Academy and Verdun Elementary. The advantage, as well as digitization, is to ensure accuracy in online library catalogues
- The work of the Media Centre, other than the film library, has been redistributed around the Board. A recent email was sent out detailing where services can be accessed.
- Films owned by the Board are still available through the Portal>Resources>Media Centre; contact is Kathleen Campbell
- When needing film resources check out: Learn360, VoD Zone and La Collection through the Portal for direct video-streaming delivery straight to your classroom

Social Studies M. Mavrakis
- I spent the first couple of weeks visiting several schools and meeting social studies teachers. What a pleasure it was meeting all these creative and hardworking professionals!
- In the month of August, cycles 1 & 2 teachers received a workshop on the Frameworks of Evaluation.
- In September, there was a workshop for new History & Citizenship Education Sec. IV teachers.
- I have established a production committee for the History & Citizenship Sec. IV midyear exam.
- Both of the applications: Producing English Learning Activities for Students in Special Needs in Cycle 1 & Producing French Material Appropriate to Second Language Learners have been accepted. Production teams have been put in place and will meet next month to begin the creation of this material.

Evaluation/Sanction des études M. Mazzarelli
- Updated MELS’ Student Achievement Records for our secondary schools.
- Presentations to elementary and secondary administrators on the new evaluation and reporting procedures.
- Supported elementary and secondary administrators in the development of a parent information document on the evaluation of student learning.
- Coordinated program information sessions for home schoolers on these topics.
- Chaired DEEN-Committee meeting for Assessment, Reporting and Evaluation to review MELS’ new Annual Directives for the 2011-2012 school year.

Freeship M.-E. Claude & M. Delsolme
- Attended a three-day MELS training session on reading at Manoir Saint-Sauveur (Aug. 15,16,17)
- Offered two information sessions on August 26 to FSL teachers on the new Evaluation Framework.
- Met with parents of secondary home-schooled students on Sept. 13th.
- Coordinated the reception and the distribution of Mon portfolio d’écriture et Mon portfolio de lecture en FLS in all High Schools.
- Visited several French departments (HS and Alternative Centers) in order to provide training and information to the teachers.
- Prepared several requests for MELS funded French projects (Portfolio d’écriture, portfolio lecture, etc.) with a University professor, etc.

English Language Arts J. Le Blanc
- Gave information session on the MELS Framework for Evaluation.
- Presented ELA program to parents of home schooled children.
- Attended SAST/ALDi conference on differentiation. Celebrated Canadian author Karen Humé was the key presenter.
- Gave workshop to Grade 7 ELA teachers on issues of students transitioning to high school. We also examined both the Grade 6 and Secondary 5 ministry exams from past years.
- Ordered the Write Traits kits for Grade 7 and 8 teachers in each of our high schools. Will be offering PD to support it once it arrives in schools.

Music & Drama J. Le Blanc
- Gave information session on the MELS Framework for Evaluation.
- Music, drama, and dance teachers participated in the Gumbots workshop. Guest teacher Josée Mayrand from Quebec City taught our teachers this percussive, African dance that involves the whole body in expressing rhythms. For a sample of this art form please see the following Youtube link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0Q51WvR4o

Mathematics T. Wang Jung Lin
- Commenced work with teaching teams from Beurling Academy and Riverdale High School on PDIG subsidized projects focusing on the building of a Learning Community.
- Prepared and gave a workshop for cycle 1 math teachers on making concepts meaningful to the students.
- Started the secondary 4 mid-year exam creation process with three teams of experienced teachers.
- Prepared a document on conjecture type questions to support teachers in their discussion about this form of reasoning with the students.

Science and Technology K. Davey
- A workshop on Technical Drawing in the Science and Technology curriculum was offered to teachers.
- A new round of curriculum mapping projects, funded by Professional Development and Innovation Grants, is underway. Teachers from Beurling Academy, MacDonald High School and St. Thomas High School will work throughout the year to develop and refine their curriculum maps for targeted grade levels.
- Teachers from Riverdale High School, St. Thomas High School and Westwood Jr. High School attended a training session on the Discovery Education Middle School Science Program.
- Prepared and delivered information sessions on the new evaluation frameworks for Science and Technology.
- New teachers in Science and Technology were provided with an overview of the curriculum and available resources through one-on-one meetings.

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