

Chair's Report August 2026

Appeals

A big thanks to all those who have signed on to do appeals.

DEC Meeting Questionnaire

I believe that the DEC must carry out constant evaluation of itself in order to be able to perform optimally. This document that was included as part of your meeting materials will for part of that self-evaluation that we carry out. I will ask a couple of different members to fill out the form near the end of each meeting. These will be used along with online evaluation of the CSR and GP policies. The summary of the online form will be posted on the website.

DEC Policies

I encourage you to familiarize yourself with our DEC policies that on our website. We will review a number of these as our meetings go forward. The more familiar you are with the policies, the more things will come together in your role.

Provincial Policies From EECD

There are a number of provincial policies relating to: appeals, school sustainability, French second language, pupil transportation ... These may arise as the year goes on and in each case, the provincial policy always takes precedence over any district policy.

Members and Zoned Schools

Members from each of the 12 subdistricts have a number of schools located within each subdistrict. I encourage you to make contact with the principal of each school in your subdistrict as soon as you can. It is important they know who the DEC member is to strengthen the DEC linkage with the schools and who should be invited to attend PSSC meetings and other school functions.

Oracle Fusion

As you may know there is a new payroll system that has just been introduced. It is through this system that you will receive your stipend and expenses. I encourage you to be patient as we all work through the learning curve on this.

Meeting Attendance

Your attendance and participation in our meetings, either in person or virtually is very important. When you do have to absent from a meeting, please let me or Susan know and the reason for your absence.

Member's Notebook

This item that appears near the end of the agenda is a chance for you to report to the Council on a positive item that you learned from attending a school function or PSSC meeting.