

CHAIR'S REPORT OCTOBER 2026

Onboarding Session

Thank you to all who attended the session in Moncton on September 18 and 19. It was certainly a full day on Saturday the 19th but one that I hope you found worthwhile.

PEPC Virtual Meeting

Attended a virtual meeting of the Provincial Education Partners Council (PEPC) on Wednesday, September 3rd. The purpose of this meeting was to inform and remind council members of their role going forward i.e. the Council's focus is on the implementation of the new Education Plan *Strong Basics, Bright Futures*. We were reminded of the "Collaborative Sites" (schools) from the previous school year and that they will continue their work on such areas as: class composition, leveraging technology, middle level philosophy, and outdoor learning.

December Meeting and Christmas Dinner

Looking ahead to our December 9 meeting. The public meeting will begin at 6:00 P.M. on this date and run for no more than one hour. We have a reservation for Christmas Dinner at Lilly's Café for 7:30 P.M. All DEC members and senior staff are invited to attend along with a significant other. Susan will be in contact as the time draws closer regarding numbers who plan to attend. I hope most of you will be able to attend as it is always a nice time.

Provincial Student Council Conference

You may have noticed this item on the Annual Council Planning Cycle document. For those not familiar with it, it occurs each year usually in early November. High schools across the anglophone districts send delegates (usually 4) to represent their student council at this conference that usually runs Friday and Saturday at a hotel in Fredericton. DEC members are invited to attend as observers on Friday – usually late morning into early afternoon. It is a good opportunity to hear what students are thinking and what their concerns are.

DEC Questionnaire

The two observers from last meeting marked a "Yes" response to all questions at the September meeting. A couple of comments were made in support of the participation of council members at that meeting and that the swearing in of the newest members was not on the agenda.