

## Middle Level Principals Meeting Wednesday, December 12, 2012

### Précis

#### Updates

- SED [Update](#)
- Roundtable
- Shared some School Tool transition advice
  - Seeing stress in schools
  - Make sure every student is known by someone. The idea of putting up student work on the wall to make sure every student is known
  - One school went to a 10-1 adult to student ratio version of homeroom (called Partnering of Students and Teachers- POST) like an advisory

#### Meeting Topics

- **State Middle School Association Conference**
  - Verona, NY
  - October 24 – 26, 2013
  - “College and Career Readiness in the Middle”
  - Andrew Chen confirmed as one of the keynotes (math)
  - Will include training on ELA and math curriculum modules
- **APPR implementation**
  - Cranking out the observations and evidence collection
  - For many teachers this is their first observation in years and years which makes this a little more difficult
  - Some have pre-conferences for extended observations; some do not
  - Teachscape is working well with Danielson
  - Some are waiting to assign scores at the end, some doing it along the way
  - Exactly how/when to score summative evaluations when doing summative meeting is something to consider (it will be here before too long)
  - Use the rubric during your growth producing conversations whether or not you are scoring during the year
  - Using parts of the rubric at faculty meetings (with follow up at team meetings)
  - The paradigm of most being effective rather than highly effective is starting to change
  - Time requirements are definitely greater, but technology can really help
  - Collecting evidence in the classroom, tagging and sorting later
  - Majority of responsibilities for evidence of NYS Teaching Standards 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 is on the teachers in many cases
  - Be strategic with who you start with because it has an influence on the rest of the school
  - APPR plans are being approved (but some still in queue)
  - It helps if the teachers association is also talking about the rubric and “effective”
  - How about principal evaluations:
    - Some have had announced school visits scheduled, one or two have occurred but most not really started



