

Middle Level Principals Meeting Thursday, December 15, 2011

Précis

Updates

- We reviewed the SED [Update](#)
- Special Education task Force seeking principal members: **Please let Jeff know if you would also like to volunteer.**
- Looking for principals for Summer Technology Summit (panel and workshops): **Let Jeff know if you are interested** in (or want to suggest someone) who could either be a part of a panel or present a workshop at the Summer principals technology Summit scheduled for July 24 & 25.
- Does anyone have an organization/skills scope and sequence for teaching this? FM used to use a 5-8 study skills curriculum. Kim Loucks used to do a great deal of work around study skills.
- Plans for five different sites of regional scoring for the 3-8 assessments are underway. While regional scoring isn't required until next year many districts are working together this year to get a head start. The five sites, at this point, are: Cortland, ESM, North Syracuse, Liverpool, and West Genesee. Additional planning for regional scoring will be through the BCIC scoring committee.

Meeting Topics

- 3-8 Assessment Format and Duration Prognostication (and implications): the revised schedule was not yet released by the time of the meeting. **While we expected it any moment, SED is now saying that it is at least another week away.**
- APPR, including an [explanation of SLOs](#), provoked all sorts of questions. We discussed different scenarios and reviewed some of the resources and slides, but not all. This will take some work on everyone's part! This will be a topic of future meetings and will be a big part of the Lead Evaluator Training (probably the February session).
- Julie Nucci from Cornell told us about an NSF grant [proposal](#) she is writing for middle school physical science teachers, HS physics teachers, and Cornell faculty and students. The proposal was well-received and based on the reception OCM BOCES will provide a letter of support. **If you think you have a teacher(s) who might be interested, please send Jeff an email** (no commitment at this time, just getting a sense of interest)
 - Julie's email is jn28@cornell.edu in case you have any questions
 - The Cornell Institute for Physics Teachers has lots of [resources](#), including a description of the [labs and experiments](#) which would be a part of the project
- Common Core implementation practices and needs was not discussed (we had already run over time due to the SLOs conversation).

Future meetings (and locations)

February 2, 2012

April 5, 2012

June 7, 2012

Center Conference Room

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