

**Middle Level Principals Meeting  
Thursday, February 2, 2012**

**Précis**

**Updates**

- SED [Update](#)
- The 2013 3-8 test schedule was just released (April 16-18 for ELA and April 24-26 for math).
- It looks like the Regents schedule will not be moved up too much earlier than it has been in the past. An analysis of regional scoring suggests that a week is not required for it.
- Budget Status
  - Seems like more of the same
  - The Marcellus board is considering an effort to override the 2% limit – community forums are occurring about it, already.

**Meeting Topics**

- 3-8 Testing
  - The scoring hubs are working out scoring dates and other details.
  - What do districts do to ensure consistency for the listening portion of the tests?
    - Some have read it to large group but the scheduling seems to make this difficult if not impossible.
    - Some have tried to use technology to connect rooms to a single reader but it has not worked smoothly.
    - A few districts have before-school meetings of any teacher who will read in order to practice in as consistent a manner as practical.
- APPR
  - West Genesee: Teachers APPR work is occurring but not done. Little has happened so far for the principal APPR.
  - Fayetteville-Manlius: For the 4-8 teachers, APPR is in place and being followed. Talk about the principal APPR is occurring now.
  - Fabius-Pompey: They are piloting a 4-8 teacher APPR while the committee works on an APPR for all teachers. Not sure about principal progress.
  - Onondaga: They are in the final stages for all teachers and the principal APPR.
  - Cincinnatus: Negotiations are underway currently for both the teacher and principal APPR but the principal APPR work just commenced.
  - Marcellus: The APPR plan process is proceeding slowly for teachers. For principals it is just getting started.
  - Jamesville-DeWitt: Teacher and administrator representatives have been a part of each other's' committees. The 4-8 for teachers is in implementation. They just started to use OASYS. There have not been principal APPR talks yet.
  - Chittenango: They are implementing their 4-8 teacher APPR plan and are using OASYS. There is some concern among teachers that scores on the rubric are low. The principals have signed an MOU for their APPR.
  - Cazenovia: Teachers are moving slowly. There are no principal APPR discussions.
  - Solvay: There have been some brief discussions about the principal APPR.
  - DeRuyter: The teacher APPR work is progressing now that a common understanding has been established they are making progress. No work has begun on the principal APPR – just not enough time for it.

- North Syracuse: The teacher APPR is in implementation, on a pilot basis, using the NYSUT agreement, using volunteer teachers. There is no APPR plan, however. There is no principal APPR plan yet although there is a committee working on it.
- Homer: The plan for 4-8 is all set and is being implemented. For all teachers, it is not all set but is being hammered out. The principals have identified a rubric and are making progress.
- East Syracuse Minoa: They are still narrowing to rubrics so the plans are not complete.
- OCM BOCES has an APPR plan for all teachers just about worked out. The work for principals has not begun.
- Mary Brady from CNYRIC talked with the principals about some of the reporting needs that accompany the new APPR rules and the teacher of record issues.

**Future meetings (and locations)**

April 5, 2012

June 7, 2012

Center Conference Room

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