

**Middle Level Principals Meeting
Tuesday, February 3, 2016**

Précis

Updates

- SED [Update](#)
- [Information](#) about APPR

Meeting Topics

- **Faculty/Staff Meetings**
 - What are principals doing with their faculty meetings?
 - Ideas from principals in attendance:
 - Q Center can come for LGBTQ training. It was helpful.
 - Sometimes they take some of the faculty meeting as “work time.”
 - Faculty meeting time can be used to provide time for grade-level and department collaborative meetings.
 - It is interesting that some teachers do prefer traditional, informative-giving meetings.
 - A common book or topic can run through the year. Could be focus, poverty, unit planning, etc.
 - Sharing PBL items and practices.
 - Switching to district-wide measures for APPR provided time for collaborative standards-based unit planning.
 - Highlight some of the successful things teachers and groups have been doing.
 - Kids can come and present at a faculty meeting. There’s nothing like kids presenting!
 - Sometimes big faculty meetings are less productive than department and grade-level team meetings.
 - Here are some resources:
 - Flipping Your Faculty Meetings ([post](#))
 - The Flipped Faculty Meeting ([blog](#))
 - 5 Challenges We Overcame Moving to a Flipped Staff Meeting ([post](#))
 - Forget Faculty Meetings ([article](#))
- **Essential Elements: Schools-to-Watch**
 - David Payton will be here at our next meeting to tell us all about it
- **Roundtable**

- How is algebra (in 8th grade) for all going at Baldwinsville? It's not really every student, but is most. As more and more students were accelerating, it seemed like they reached the tipping point. Most will accelerate, but they will maintain another path for students. For science they will model lab time in the non-accelerated option, too.

Future meetings (and locations)

- March 31, 9-10:30a, Rodax 8 Small Conference Room: Essential Elements: Schools-to-Watch
- May 26, 9-10:30a, Owasco Conference Room, Main Campus: Legal Updates