

**Middle Level Principals Meeting  
Thursday, May 21, 2015**

**Précis**

**Updates**

- SED [Update](#), including information about [APPR](#)
- We looked at refusal numbers and discussed the impact. We did learn some lessons about being prepared with messages, deadlines, and back-up systems to handle last minute refusals.

**Meeting Topics**

- **Looking ahead to next year in our schools**
  - Share the “big ideas” for the next school year that principals have for their school.
    - Integrated co-teaching (Onondaga Central and Cazenovia)
    - Flipping classroom in math at Onondaga Central, so far so good, kids seem to like it, lab after school for video-networking. Also, a math teacher at Cazenovia doing this. It’s been great for when teacher or student is out.
    - Jamesville Dewitt: thinking about math acceleration a lot. All 6th graders will get what was considered enriched in the past. Acceleration will start in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. [Here is the guidance document that describes different math options.](#)
    - Liverpool also looking at re-aligning math acceleration. Have been starting accelerated classes at 5 weeks into if they can.
    - Liverpool starting to accelerate science, backing it up to common intervention period, ES.
    - Onondaga Central is looking at science acceleration with living environment. Not doing it yet, but exploring.
    - We discussed our contracts and whether they specify start and end times or a time amount total for the day.
- **Regional Vision for PBL and New Tech Network Schools**
  - [Innovation Tech](#) is up and running. [Study tours](#) are now occurring.
  - New Tech High South School -- plans are proceeding for a September 2016 opening at an alternate location (soon to be announced)
  - PBL 101 cohorts
    - Cohort that starts May 19<sup>th</sup> ([more info](#))
    - Cohort that starts July 14<sup>th</sup> ([more info](#))
    - Cohort that starts August 17<sup>th</sup> ([more info](#))
    - Fall cohorts will be announced soon
  - PBL NY
    - Registration is active
    - For every level of experience
    - Teachers and leaders
    - Not a repeat of last year
  - PBL 400 level courses are scheduled

- PBL 401 for Leadership Teams: Bringing PBL to Scale ([more info](#))
- PBL 402 for Leadership Teams: Creating a Supportive PBL School Culture ([more info](#))
- PBL 403 for Leadership Teams: Evaluation of PBL Practices in a Classroom ([more info](#))

- **Meeting Planning**

- We decided to keep the structure more or less the same as it was this year. 9-10:30a, five times per year.
- Dates for next year:
  - September 22, 9-10:30a, Center Conference Room, Henry
  - December 15, 9-10:30a, Rodax 8 Small Conference Room
  - February 3, 9-10:30a, Science Center Conference Room
  - March 31, 9-10:30a, Rodax 8 Small Conference Room
  - May 26, 9-10:30a, Owasco Conference Room, Main Campus
- If anyone is interested in hosting a meeting, please let Jeff know

- **Roundtable**

- Substitutes are a problem everywhere. The limitations that the Affordable Health Care Act introduces won't kick in until next year. It is hard to know what the net impact of that will be. All districts are experiencing shortages, no matter what the rate of pay seems to be.

**Future meetings (and locations)**

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