

**Elementary Principals Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 13, 2015**  
**Cherry Road Elementary School, Westhill, 201 Cherry Road, Syracuse**

**Précis**

**Updates**

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

**Meeting Topics**

- **Standards-Based Grading and Reporting**
  - To get warmed up to the topic, we did a quick version of the purpose of grading sort activity ([reproducible if you want to make these for yourself](#)). Doing this can highlight some of the different thinking about grading and can be used to prompt a discussion about the need for a more consistent approach.
  - We reviewed of the plan for the year ([link to page](#) with flyer and registration)
    - Guskey and Jung November 3rd -- getting ready? Two books
    - Cathy Vatterott, the Homework Lady, is December 16<sup>th</sup> ([register](#)). Her [book](#), *Rethinking Homework*, is in the ASCD collection. It's a pretty useful book.
    - Myron Dueck will be here February 9<sup>th</sup>. His [book](#), *Grading Smarter not Harder* is also in the ASCD collection. It's written from the teacher perspective.
  - An example [survey](#) of grading practices was shared. We can make a copy for you and then share it with staff. You will be able to use those data as a good discussion point.
  - What's going on in schools regarding this topic?
    - Having standards written in I Can statements and using them that way
    - Using articles rather than whole books for faculty reads
  - Here is a [link](#) to the elementary report card guide from South Glens Falls. It provides a thorough explanation for parents.
- **Share Time**
  - Copies of building schedules were shared
  - The impact of shared staff was discussed
  - Much of the conversation focused on common intervention times
  - **Bring to share next time: any policies or procedures you use for residency and custody**
- **Roundtable**

- Please take a minute to complete this [very short survey](#) about your start and stop times.

- **Chery Road Tour**

- Maureen Mulderig led us on a tour of Cherry Road Elementary School. Thanks, Mo, for the tour, hosting the meeting, and the breakfast goodies!

**Future meetings (and locations)**

- December 17, 2015, Barry Elementary School, 20 Raymond Ave, Cortland, NY , Legal Updates with David Cirillo (tentative)
- February 23, 2016, Reynolds Elementary School, 222 Deerwood Drive, Baldwinsville,
- May 12, 2016, McEvoy 701