

Elementary Principals Meeting Thursday, February 16, 2012

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Updates

- SED Update
- 3-8 Assessment scoring hubs are actively working on the planning of the regional scoring of this year's exams.

Meeting Topics

- APPR
 - Not too long after the meeting, the Governor and Commissioner announced the deal for teacher APPR. Coverage is being maintained at the <u>APPR microsite</u>.
 While the exact language of the agreement (bill) is not yet available, the press conference and press release suggest a return to the pre-lawsuit provisions.
 - Little progress is being made on Principal APPR plans in districts. The energy seems to be going toward the teacher APPRs at the moment. In case you are interested, Principal Evaluator Training <u>resources</u> are posted similar to the way that the Lead Evaluator <u>resources</u> are posted. Principal evaluators are being encouraged to work closely with their principals to analyze all the work that has to be done and to work with principals to find more time in which to do all that the Race To The Top requires.
- Common Core implementation practices and needs
 - The RTTT Road Map was distributed. It is intended to help principals (and others) to understand the different components of the Race To The Top and to identify next steps.
- Mary Brady from CNYRIC explained some of the data requests that principals can
 expect with regard to Teacher of Record and APPR in the next month or two. Principals
 will have to provide information about the number of minutes each grade level/subject
 meets in a typical year. This request is not here yet, but Mary alerted us to it.
- There was a discussion about the procedures schools employ to limit access to the building. Solvay is considering the Raptor system which scans visitor IDs and flags any inappropriate visitors. All schools are limiting parent access to classrooms. Increasingly, schools are pre-clearing volunteers and allowing only those pre-cleared volunteers into the building. In Cortland, each day starts with a school-wide morning meeting – parents are allowed for that part of the day, conducted in the gymnasium, only.

Future meetings (and locations)

May 29, 2012

Center Conference Room