

“South” Elementary Principals Meeting Monday, March 16, 2015

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Updates

- SED Update: [March](#)

Meeting Topics

- **Meeting Planning**
 - What about holding meetings in Cortland for the southern part of the BOCES?
 - After some discussion, suggest “hybrid” option
 - In fall and spring, only hold meetings in Onondaga
 - In the winter, hold “duplicate” meetings in Cortland. These duplicate meetings will be on Mondays and will start at 8:30a. Falls to facilitate one meeting; O’Brien to facilitate another.
 - As always, it is possible to video-conference with any of the meetings
- **Roundtable**
 - Are people having a difficult time maintaining social studies and science time in the schedule? Some responses:
 - It has been cut down to 30min
 - Every other day
 - Integrating with ELA (getting easier as familiarity with modules increases)
 - Alternating social studies and science units
 - Test Refusal
 - They are just starting to come in
 - Form letters are coming
 - Whether or not to offer alternative locations rather than “sit and stare” varies by district
 - Expecting previous refusals to repeat plus a few more
 - Could put some schools over the edge on their participation rate
 - Keyboarding
 - Westhill: looking for time in the day to do that
 - DeRuyter: keyboards is integrated into classes

Future meetings (and locations)

- Thursday, May 7, 2015, Center Conference Room, Henry Campus
- Possible meeting topics for next year: opting out/test refusal, social studies, schedules, standards-based grading & reporting...