

Elementary Principals Meeting Thursday, May 7, 2015

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Updates

- SED [Update](#)
- We also reviewed the part about [APPR changes](#) that we know at this point

Meeting Topics

- **Refusals and Implications**
 - We reviewed some of the numbers from districts, but we'll have to wait and see if there are any implications on teacher or school accountability.
- **Regional Vision and Project Based Learning**
 - PBL 101 cohorts
 - Cohort that starts May 19th ([more info](#))
 - Cohort that starts July 14th ([more info](#))
 - Cohort that starts August 17th ([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 for 2015-2016**
 - We had a discussion about north and south meetings, and decided not to duplicate meetings but to completely alternate north and south meetings, so that there would be two in Syracuse and two in Cortland.
 - The idea of meeting in schools, which could include a tour of the school, was well-received. If anyone wants to volunteer to host one of the meetings please let Jeff know.
 - Next year's dates and locations:
 - Tuesday, October 13, 2015, Center Conference Room, Henry Administration Building
 - Thursday, December 17, 2015, McEvoy 701
 - Tuesday, February 23, 2016, Rodax 8 Conference Room
 - May 12, 2016, McEvoy 701
 - As always, it is possible to video-conference with any of the meetings
 - For most, 9a is a better time so we'll stick with it.
 - We'll plan on an optional "share" session toward the end of the meeting, at which time everyone will bring an artifact to share about the pre-identified topic. For example, at the first meeting, it was suggested that everyone brings copies of their schedule to share.

- We will continue to include “roundtable” time on each agenda. This is time when principals can bring up any topic.
 - Topics/themes for next year?
 - Legal updates
 - Social studies, particularly at the elementary and primary levels
 - Science/STEM – what it means K-4
 - Standards-based grading and reporting
 - Schedules
 - Effective use of instructional technology at the elementary and primary levels
 - Location?
 - While rooms have been reserved at BOCES (see above) we discussed the idea of holding meeting sin schools which could include information about the school and a brief tour. If you are interesting in hosting, please let Jeff know. It would take a room for the meeting plus some touring.
- **Roundtable**
 - These are some of the things we discussed during roundtable time this meeting:
 - End of the year celebrations
 - Moving up practices
 - Moving rooms
 - Twins and whether to keep them together
 - Halloween/Harvest practices