



Staff Meeting  
May 9, 2008

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AGENDA

Time	Activity	Location	Staff Responsible
9:00-9:15	<b>Introduction and Scheduling</b>	Library Seminar Room	Bryan
9:15-10:30	<b>Mark Scan Program</b>	Library Seminar Room	Paul Thompson MVDHS
10:30-10:45	<b>Break</b>		
10 :45-11 :30	Feedback “What’s Working, What’s Not, What’s Next”	Library Seminar Room	Bryan
12 :30-3 :00	Department Meetings Review of Assessment practices and policy A gap analysis of what we are currently doing and what the new policy expects.	Various Departments	TOPRS
1 :45-2 :30	<b>Character Education Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Library Seminar Room</b>	Bryan

## Information Items

1. **EQAO Interview-** Consistently over the past 5 years our scores on the grade nine EQAO mathematics test have improved at both the applied and academic level. The scores of our students have continually been higher than that of the provincial average. As such, EQAO requested to do a story about our school and the reasons behind such a successful and continuous improvement. Christian, Brenda, Amanda and Jacqueline met with a representative on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to tell our story of success. It truly was a wonderful experience having been able to listen to all of the positive steps taken by this department in the quest to improve student achievement with the goal being a better understanding of mathematics. The overall message that was given is that our school takes care of the whole child not just the cognitive aspect. The interviewer left our school knowing that we care about our students and do everything we can to ensure their success. It was nice to celebrate the success of our school and sing the praises of our staff knowing that we are one of the best in the province. Well done!!
2. **Staffing and Timetable-**The June staff meeting will be dedicated to departments beginning to staff individual sections. After the final bumping procedure is complete all teachers will be given a personal memo detailing the number of sections allocated to each department for their personal timetable for 2007-08. Purposeful staffing is our focus, ensuring that the right people are teaching in the right departments and the right courses to maximize student achievement.
3. **Celebrating Success-** A) **Book Room Clean-up-** The better part of a Saturday saw several staff members and students (Nina Brum, Harley McDowell, Dean Zadow, Christian Sell, Paul St. Louis, Tammy MacIsaac, Jen Stadler, Heather Witt, Hazel Ward-Moreau, Gerald Laronde, Brian Seto, Vanessa Acosta, Sarah Cashin) working extremely hard to clean out years and years and years and years of books. Christian and I found it particularly interesting to see several staff members names on old texts (funny how when we opened the books the spines cracked, as if opened for the first time). Thank you to everyone who worked so hard that day. Your dedication is appreciated. **What was disheartening about the day was seeing brand new texts that sat on shelves never having been used.**  
B) **Fellowes First Annual Garage Sale-** Thank you to Cindy Lubitz, Nina Brum, Harley McDowell, Barb Austen, Maureen King, Katie Long, Jen Schooley, Brian Hebert, Paul St. Louis, Austen Lubitz, Tabitha McDonald, Kajal Patel, Vanessa Acosta, Dan Boudens for your efforts to support our graduation. Their hard work brought in over \$1600.00.  
C) **Shad Valley Placements-** This year we have two students who have won the coveted Shad Valley Scholarships. These Science scholarships are offered across Canada and it is extremely rare to have two students, Madison Raddatz and Samantha Ackman, in one school receive the honour. Thank you to our Science department for preparing our students for success.  
D) **Options 2007-**Once again our students received top marks during the competition portion of the event. The training they receive through our Tech department provides the learning opportunity needed to place at the highest levels

in all competitions. Hospitality- First Place Entrée- Brad Johnson and Liz Glenday. MIG welding- First Place- Nick Desjardins. Arc Welding- First Place- Nick Desjardins, Second Place- Derek Saar. Tire Changing- Second Place- Greg Schroeder. Fantasy Hair and Make-up- First Place Lindsay Ranger, 4<sup>th</sup> Place- Taylor Kuehl. Braiding- First Place- Lindsay Ranger.

**Thank you to all of our teachers who worked so hard with our students and the organization of the competition.**

4. **Phone System-** It is essential that all staff members have a pass code attached to their voicemail. You can access the voicemail from an external phone by hitting the pound key while the message is playing. If you have a pass code attached, the phone will ask for the code before gaining access to the messages. Attached is the method to add a pass code.
  
5. **Soccer Field Project-**Through the continued hard work and dedication of Duane MacDougall, our field projects are going to kick into high gear on **May 14<sup>th</sup>**. Duane, on behalf of the school and board, has signed a letter of agreement that will see an entire regiment from Base Petawawa come to our school for ten days to create several drainage ditches, and crown the upper field (Bell St. field). The cost of the operation from a Military stand point with machinery, personnel, fuel etc... is roughly about 1 Million dollars, all of which is being covered by the Military. The school has purchased the drainage tile for the ditches and several local contractors are donating the crushed stone needed to fill in these areas. By next fall we will have two game ready fields with proper drainage to ensure that we can use them in the early spring. **Thanks Duane for all that you have given to our school.**
  
6. **Fire Drills-** According to regulations, the school must have 3 fire drills each semester. Below is a schedule of our 3 drills. Drills will be postponed by one day if due to inclement weather.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Rain Date</b>
<b>May 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>A- 9:55am</b>	<b>May 17<sup>th</sup> same time</b>
<b>May 31st</b>	<b>D- 2:45pm</b>	<b>June 1<sup>st</sup> same time</b>
<b>June 12th</b>	<b>Lunch 12:10pm</b>	<b>June 13<sup>th</sup> Same time</b>

Please inform your class the day of the drill as to when it will occur. Please review your meeting area and ensure that you have your red folder and attendance with you when outside.