

New Teachers Planning Committee Report

Report on workshops/projects offered this year:

- **September 27, 2013: "Discipline with Dignity" by Allan Mendler**  
Workshop: Full-day workshop with excellent reviews from the new teachers who attended. 25 books were given as door prizes.
  
- **November 7, 2013: "Delivering the Difficult Message" by Cindy Finn:**  
Feedback was extremely positive and very valuable to new teachers going into their first parent-teacher interview situations.
  
- **December 4, 2013: "Teacher Enhancement" by David Chisholm:** The informal feedback was positive from the teachers who attended the after-school workshop that touched on evaluation and enhancement of new teachers.
  
- **January 16, 2014: "Classroom Management: Elementary by Jen Hayden-Benn:** All evaluations from the teachers who attended were very positive. New teachers appreciated the hands-on techniques suggested.
  
- **January 23, 2014: "Classroom Management: High School/Adult Voc Levels" by Dan Maag and Mike Stewart:** The evaluations from this workshop were very positive. Both presenters were very personable and reassuring.
  
- **February 4, 2014: Motivational Presentation by CANU Inc.:**  
A motivational presentation followed by a celebration to mark having survived the first half of the year was held on February 4, from 1:30pm to 4:00pm. Former Olympic paddlers Maxime Boilard and Hughes Fournelle delivered the lively presentation to new teachers. It was a heartfelt session where new teachers from all sectors were able to share personal anecdotes about their new profession. New teachers were treated to wine and cheese and other refreshments after the interactive session.

### Update On site mentoring Programs:

- Coordinators in schools are doing excellent things to welcome new teachers in their schools. All high schools are covered and running well.
- Schools that Betty MacKinnon is working with this year include: Mount Pleasant, Christmas Park, Westpark, Riverview, Beechwood, Forest Hill Senior, St. Lawrence Senior, St. Anthony, Springdale, and Terry Fox. Schools left to cover: Wilder Penfield, St. John Fisher Junior & Senior, Beacon Hill, and St. Patrick.
- Invitations will be going out soon for the May 1st year-end celebration. All coordinators are invited. Copies of the report from last year are available. Contact Betty MacKinnon if you would like one.

**Date of next meeting:** Monday May 5, 2014 @ 1:30pm.

Submitted by:  
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