

**New Teachers' Committee Report**  
**Meeting of January 14, 2013**

**Upcoming workshops:**

January 17: Classroom Management at the elementary level: Sandra Luther and Jennifer Hayden 4:30-5:30pm

January 24: Classroom Management at the Secondary/Adult Ed. & Voc. Ed. levels: Michael Stewart and Dan Maag 4:30-5:30pm

Attendance for these 2 workshops are currently around 12 attendees each.

February 7: Motivational Presentation by the LBPSB Regional Directors (Stephen Colpitts, Tom Rhymes, David Meloche) 1:30-3:30, then a celebration: "You have survived your first half year! Congratulations!"

There will be a wine and cheese social gathering after the workshops are over. Times will be specific in the invitations for teachers.

**Updates on additional support projects for New Teachers:**

**On-Site Mentoring - Betty MacKinnon**

Four new elementary mentoring schools are beginning their programs this spring. Principals and Mentoring Coordinators have met with Betty and are very keen.

February 1, 2013: Mentoring Coordinators are invited for a presentation by Ted Wall on "Team Building".

May 31, 2013: Tom Rhymes will speak at the End of year celebration.

**Future Sessions this year:**

April 11 & 18: 4:30-5:30pm there will be after school workshops on Special Needs in collaboration with Student Services.

**Guest Presentation by Jennifer Kurta: "Teachers and the Social Networks"**

Case studies from the U.S. involving posted photos on Facebook, MySpace, etc... Teachers must learn to navigate social media sites carefully to reach their students and protect themselves from future legal difficulties.

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