

New Teachers Committee Report

New teachers' Committee met Monday September 21, 2009

Review of August 24th Workshop- “Discipline with Dignity”-Dr Mendler: The Committee reviewed evaluations. Overall the feedback was extremely positive.

Review of August 25th Workshop: Feedback re “First Days”, also very positive! The Committee is wondering about the timing of the Aug 24-25 Workshop.

Many of the new teachers are not yet hired. Some are on their holidays. They need the first pedagogical days in their schools. No major solutions reached.

September 15th Workshop (Meet the Teacher) Review: 32 new teachers attended. Well received.

On-Site Mentoring – Betty MacKinnon: The program continues to grow steadily. The program is in all high schools, nine elementary schools with the goal of adding three more this year, and expanding into Sector 5. The long-range plan is to have all the schools of the Board involved.

Next Workshop – October 20th: Theme: Cindy Finn: “Delivering the Difficult Message” (i.e. Successful Parent-Teacher Interviews) Workshop will be held at the board in the afternoon.

February 8th pedagogical day: 1st, 2nd and 3rd year teachers will be invited to attend an all day workshop with Reggie Melrose

The return of Gordon Elhard: Workshop will be in April.

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