



FEH BOCES News and Notes July 31, 2015

FEH BOCES Administrative Staffing

On July 23, three new members of the administrative team were appointed by the Board of Education. I hope you will join me in welcoming them to our BOCES Family. Mary Dickerson was appointed as CTE/Alternative Education Principal. She will administer programs at NFEC, the Salmon River CTE Satellite classes and north end New Vision Programs. Ms. Dickerson will start on August 10. Denise Luka was appointed as Special Education/Itinerant Programs Principal. She will administer special education programs, itinerant teaching programs, and the Unified Contract Services/Supported Employment Program. Ms. Luka will start on August 10. Cheryl Felt was appointed as Deputy Superintendent and will administer all Instructional and Instructional Support Programs. Ms. Felt will start on August 24.

Tom Finnerty will be leaving FEH BOCES on September 11 to accept the position of Assistant Superintendent at Cazenovia Central School in central New York. Tom will be missed here at FEH BOCES and we wish him the best in his new position. Recruitment efforts are underway to fill the impending vacancy.

ISS Staff Facilitate Constructivist Teams

Kerri Keeler, Mary Jones and Rhonda Shorette-Peets recently spent a week at St. Lawrence University facilitating teams participating in the 23rd Constructivist Design Conference on Teaching and Learning. Kerri facilitated the work of a team from Davis Elementary School focused on developing an after school Robotics program. Rhonda facilitated a team from Salmon River that is developing an American History program through Haudenosaunee eyes. Mary facilitated a team from St. Regis Falls that worked on developing a cohesion within grades 3-6. The ISS team provided support in advance of the conference and will continue to support the team during the implementation phase. This is an excellent professional development model that should pay dividends for the students impacted by the work of the teams.

APPR Overview

The ISS staff has been busy. The week after the Constructivist Conference. Mary Jones and Kerri Keeler hosted an APPR overview for Superintendents, Administrator Leaders and Teacher Leaders. The half-day session on July 29 focused on the implementation of Education Law 3012-d and the corresponding regulations from the Board of Regents. Rachel Risetto, the Labor Relations Specialist serving FEH BOCES joined Mary and Kerri to provide her perspective on the collective bargaining aspects of the Law and regulations. FEH BOCES participants included Steve Shafer, Mike Singleton, Rick Swanston and Jim Lalonde.

Susan Perkins Elected Adirondack ASBO Treasurer

Susan Perkins, FEH BOCES Business Manager serving Brushton-Moira and St. Regis Falls was recently elected Treasurer of the Adirondack Chapter of the NYS Association of School Business Officials for 2015-16. Dan Bower, business official at Tupper Lake (an FEH BOCES component district) was elected President. Congratulations to Susan and Dan and thank you for the collaborative work accomplished through Adirondack ASBO!