

# AGENDA FOR SCHOOL INFORMATION

- Enrolment & Staffing
- Staff Start up
  - Focusing our work
  - Collaboration
  - Our Purpose
  - Personal Device Policy
- Emerging Issues

# Who's the Principal?

- My family
- Some of my beliefs about what we do and why we do it



## ENROLLMENT & STAFFING

- Grade 7 – 147 students
- Grade 8 – 145 students
- Grade 9 – 141 students
- 5 homerooms at each grade level
- 22 teaching staff
- 6 educational assistants
- 3 office staff
- 2 custodians

# STAFF START UP

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## OUR AREAS OF FOCUS THIS YEAR

- Student Character and School Culture
- Effective Collaboration
- Effective Assessment Practices

# OUR COLLABORATIVE WORK

- Early Wednesdays:
  - Full staff professional learning from 12:30–2
  - Collaborative team work from 2–4
- Staff will come together with the same team monthly to collaborate around
  - Identified area of need/focus based on our areas of focus, school results and student needs
  - In what ways do we ensure that our instructional practices support all learners?
  - How do we develop student's understanding of where they are in their learning?
- Optional Book Study – Learner Centered Innovation – 20 staff members participating



# HOW WE DEFINE COLLABORATION

Teams of teachers who work interdependently to achieve common goals – goals linked to the purpose of learning for all – for which members are held mutually accountable.

"The most valuable resource that all teachers have is each other. Without collaboration our growth is limited to our own perspectives."  
Robert John Meehan



## OUR PURPOSE

- Considered the quotes on your table
- Chose one that resonated with us
- Had an opportunity to share perspectives with others in the room
- Common beliefs shared by staff members:
  - We want students to have the best possible future they can
  - We need to help students to focus more on the learning than on the marks (learning will lead to increased marks)



## PERSONAL DEVICE POLICY

- Unanimous staff decision
- We have had 4 students that are at 'step 2'
- Collect approximately 5 phones a day

## EMERGING ITEMS TO CONSIDER

- Community perceptions
- Student Voice
  - Talking about learning
  - School culture
  - Concession
- SMILES day

## NEXT MONTH...

- Look at school results
- Considering our goals for our children
- Provide input into the school plan and goals