



Board Report for May 2015-

One of the best things that I am involved with this year is the collaborative work with Sid Hobgood, the principal at Fleming. We are communicating with staff to help them see that work with students in grades 6-10 sets up higher rates of graduation. Sid and I are hosting a parent conversation at Fleming on Tuesday, May 12. Our topic is "Teaching and Learning. A grade 6-12 approach – Getting to graduation." We will be explaining our efforts to provide every student a solid, effective public school education.

We experienced a very difficult week the last week of April. Our long term bookkeeper, Breeze Heagney, took her own life the previous Saturday and all of our staff was in complete shock. We were blessed with an out-pouring of support from our district office and from the community. We were able to comfort many students and adults and we used a Friday morning in service on "Constructing Meaning" and our staff became students as we made some sense of our loss.

We are actively in the middle of Smarter Balanced Assessments with our juniors. We are having high levels of participation. At the rate that some of our less capable students are progressing we may not be completely done with testing until the end of May. This reality produces significant disruption to our teaching/learning time.

Our final push with seniors not yet ready for graduation is in full force. We have sent letters to families, had multiple conversations with every "not on track to graduate" student and we provide multiple levels of support. As we finish work samples in math and writing we are making every effort to get students to meet graduation requirements.

I look forward to seeing you at our graduation on June 2.

Dennis Misner