

**School Board Meeting:**

October 14, 2013

**Subject:**

Bring Your Best! Workshop

**Presenter:**

Pam Miller

**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

Report only.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Although students are not in session next Wednesday, October 16th, the teachers are! For the past five years, this day prior to fall break has been designated as a district staff development day. For several years, a district planning team has organized and orchestrated a day for learning about technology -- technology tools and technology integration. PreK-12 teachers have led these sessions for their colleagues, introducing others to things they have been implementing in their own classrooms with students.

Over the past couple years, we have been concentrating our efforts in shifting the focus further away from the "tools" and more towards conversations about the student learning and best practices--which may or may not include the use of technology! Again, our own teachers continue to step up as leaders in their field to share best practices, and "next practices", with each other.

This year our workshop title is the "Bring Your Best! Workshop." Andy Hargreaves once explained that as leaders in your district, you need to foster and encourage a climate of "giving away your best ideas", because if you always give away your best, you will be forced to come up with "another best". This climate also encourages collaboration and partnerships among staff.

The workshop activities planned for next Wednesday will bring forth this theme. Throughout the day, BHM staff will be offering sessions sharing "their best" with colleagues. In addition, we have several outside consultants and trainers coming to share information, practices, and resources.

The keynote speaker, Murray Banks, will kick things off in the Performing Arts Center from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Murray is a former physical education teacher of the year and a two-sport world champion athlete. We are looking forward to his energetic message about what bringing our best every day means.

I will share additional information about the day's activities at Monday's workshop. Please join us for any part of the day!

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BYB Schedule and Session Descriptions