

# Principal's Coffee: “*The State of the Gate*”

Middle Gate School  
January 27, 2016

# Overview

- Introduction and purpose
- Itinerary and logistics
- Focus areas and highlights
- Walk-throughs
- Debrief

# Highlights

- School Culture:
  - MG “Family”
  - PTA bond and initiatives
  - CSCI results
- Communication:
  - PTA Facebook page
  - Middle Gate Minute
  - Curriculum Nights
  - E-messages
  - Principal’s Coffee

# More Highlights

- Technology Upgrades:
  - SMART Boards, wireless, iPads, Chrome books
  - iPad cohort, Tech 10, volunteer sessions
- Professional Growth:
  - Revised plan(s)
  - SLOs
  - Personalized learning opportunities
  - PLCs
  - Instructional Rounds and lesson study
  - Shared leadership

# Professional Growth

Weekly	Monthly	Other
Team/Grade Level - common planning time	Leadership Team	District-determined (per school calendar)
Guidance	Departmental (ex. Math and Literacy, UA PLC)	In-service days/building supported release
Main Office	Data/School Improvement (ex. SSCC, RtI/SRBI)	Expert/presenter workshops and/or visitations
Special Education	Technology Team	Teacher-leader (volunteer) activities
MGS ATeam	Faculty Meeting	

# Committees and Teams

- Leadership Team
- Math Team
- Literacy Team
- Technology Team
- Safe School Climate Committee
- RtI/SRBI Team
- Behavior Team
- Sunshine Committee
- MGS ATeam

# Curriculum and Instruction

- Practices and programs:
  - data-informed decision-making
  - Rtl procedures
  - FDK
  - Gifted and enrichment
  - *School of Distinction - 2012*
- Content:
  - Reading and Writing workshop
  - Stepping Stones
  - NGSS, Social Studies
  - Second Step and Health

# Safe School Climate

- Social-emotional well-being:
  - Second Step awareness
  - Responsive Classroom refreshers
  - ZooU, mini-DESSA
  - Behavioral and wellness PD
  - Anti-bullying and kindness initiatives
  - *You've Got a Friend at Middle Gate*
  - Elementary guidance program
  - Energizers, self-regulation and yoga (wellness)



# Safe School Climate cont'd

- Wellness:
  - Food services, lunch options
  - Birthday celebrations
  - *Bronze Award – US Healthier School Challenge*
- Physical well-being:
  - District Security Committee
  - ERT
  - Staff and school exercises
  - Substitute and volunteer training
  - Cameras, gating, windows

# Initial Survey “Results”

- Build sense of community
- Create open door, honest communication lines
- Meet with Admin. and Leadership Teams
- Empower teacher leaders
- Encourage participation on cmte./team
- Provide consistency across district
- Improve climate

# Focus Areas

- Assessments
  - how many? data v. instructional differential
- Communication
  - emails, frequency
- Perseverance
  - lost trait? growth mindset
- Wellness
  - anxiety, mean behaviors, recovery
- Writing
  - grammar, spelling, stamina/engagement

# Staff Video 2014-2015

# Comments, Feedback, and/or Questions?

