# Harry Miller Middle School School Improvement Plan 2013 – 2016



VISION:

HMMS vision is developing respectful, independent lifelong learners.

MISSION:

At Harry Miller Middle School we promote pride in achievement through learning by:

**Respect** for one another

Responsibility for excellence and

**Right choices** for our future and our community.

#### **School Wide Commitments:**

- Ron Morrish and Harry Wong's First Week of School
- BYOBanana for the first week of school
- Breakfast Program and Lunch items (in Resource room)
- Transition meetings with elementary feeder schools and high school feeder schools in June each year
- Enrichment opportunities with staff and community members
- Student of the Month, Band Members of the Month, Music Students for the Month, Art Student of the Month, and Athletes of the Month
- CELEBRATE assemblies to recognize student accomplishments, special events, etc.
- Pats on the Back to recognize students who perform selfless acts without being asked by someone;
- Multiple Intelligences and Learning styles surveys
- Bullying Hotline (849-5714)

# Goal statement 1: To demonstrate continuous progress towards Provincial targets in Literacy and Numeracy (in both English Prime and French Immersion programs)

#### **Priorities:**

SMART Goals	Strategies	Timeline	Responsibility
Implement conventions of writing across subject areas such that 85% of all students will be able to correctly use conventions in their daily work.	Professional learning to staff members at staff meetings to identify those conventions to be utilized across subject areas;	February 2014	ELA and FILA teachers Administration
Grade 7 Provincial Literacy results (2012-2013) by strand School 85.5% on Conventions District 76.1% on Conventions Province 74.3% on Conventions	Post appropriate conventions on classroom walls.		All staff
Grade 7 Provincial Literacy results (2011-2012) by strand School 80.0% on Conventions District 74.9% on Conventions Province 73.9% on Conventions	Use consistent language and reinforcement of these conventions in students' daily writing;  Use benchmark data in Grade level writing to inform best practices (ELA and FILA)		Administration ELA and FILA teachers EST-Literacy and Lead FI Lead
Provide opportunities for students to participate in opportunities to encourage writing, and to build students' confidence and motivation in writing assignments.	Interest journals to be implemented at each grade level and circulated through the grade level team.	January 2014	EST-Literacy Lead Administration Homeroom teachers
Grade 7 Provincial Literacy results (2012-2013) for writing: School AA /SA 78.6% District AA/SA 63.9% Province AA/SA 62.6% Provincial Literacy results in Writing will increase by 10 %.	Use of graphic organizers when beginning writing work across subject areas (one per month)	September 2014	All staff

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Increase Mental Math scores by 10% for June 2014 assessment  Provincial Grade 8 Numeracy Data (2012-2013) by strand (Mental Math) School 50% District 51% Province 51%	Mental Math scheduled time with homeroom teachers at the end of the day, one day each week;  Reinforcement of Mental Math best practices in Math classes  Professional learning provided by Numeracy teachers who have attended marking sessions with Department of Education to communicate areas of difficulty for students writing the assessment;  Professional learning from Elementary Numeracy Lead to continue best practices into middle school	September 2013-Present	Administration Homeroom teachers Numeracy Teachers HEC Numeracy Coordinator
Increase Number Sense strand by 10% for June 2014 and June 2015 Provincial Grade 8 Numeracy Data (2012-2013) by strand (Number Sense) School 57% District 57% Province 57%	Guided Math/Balanced Math professional learning and implementation with teachers of grade 6 Math and grade 7 Math  Further professional learning to remaining Numeracy teachers to implement Guided Math practices	October 2013- ongoing	HEC Numeracy Coordinator Ms. Barrett, Mrs. Lagace, Administration EST-R

## Goal Statement 2: To provide positive, safe and inclusive learning and working environments for all youth and staff.

#### **Priorities:**

SMART Goals	Strategies	Timeline	Responsibility
To increase student connections in school.  Tell Them From Me Data for student connectedness will	Teachers identify which classes and teachers are available to students over noon hour;	February 2014-	Team leaders Classroom teachers
reach a minimum of 4 out of 10 for advocacy, 7 out of 10 for Positive Teacher-Student relations and 7 out of 10 for Positive Learning Climate in the next survey year.	Restorative Practices and "Circles" practiced with homeroom classes each week	September 2013-	Homeroom teachers
TTFM (May 2013) Advocacy 2.4 out of 10 (norm is 3.2) Positive Teacher-Student relations 6.7 out of 10 (norm 6.6) Positive Learning Climate 6.5 out of 10 (norm is 6.3)	Enrichment period at the end of two days per week provide opportunities for students to connect with other staff members for the period of a month	October 2013-	Staff
TTFM (December 2013) Advocacy 3.1 out of 10 (norm is 3.2)	"Make It Happen Room" to support students	November 2013-	Administration EAs, EST-Resource, EST-Guidance
Positive Teacher-Student relations 6.7 out of 10 (norm 6.6) Positive Learning Climate 6.6 out of 10 (norm 6.3)	10-2 rule (For 10 consecutive days, a staff member will have a 2 minute conversation with one specific student)	September 2014-	All staff
	Breakfast Club each morning and Lunch room	September 2013-	Administration EST-Resource Staff support (volunteer staff)
	Monthly Birthday Celebrations with students	September 2013	Administration

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Bullying incidents will decrease by 10% 2012-2013(September 2012-June 2013) Fighting – 6 incidents Name calling – 15 incidents Inappropriate message – 3 incidents Physical bullying – 9 incidents Physical Violence – 10 incidents Threats – 3 incidents	Anti-bullying awareness  Winschool conduct reporting  Bully Pledge to be placed in each classroom and revisited each month with students in homerooms and during assemblies	ongoing	Administration EST-Guidance ESST District PLEP and Behaviour Coordinators
Total: 46	assemones		
2013-2014 (September-December 2013) Fighting – 2 incidents Name calling – 1 incident Inappropriate message – 0 incidents Physical bullying – 2 incidents Physical Violence – 10 incidents Threats – 0 incidents Total: 15	National Pink Shirt Day: February 26 <sup>th</sup> Celebrate assemblies to reinforce the importance of anti-bullying initiatives		
To promote student awareness and acceptance of the cultural diversity of the whole school population	Signage within the school in various languages	September 2014	Administration
Decrease in incidence related to lack of cultural awareness by student population (Winschool conduct)	Updated pamphlets with school information in 1 <sup>st</sup> language	June 2014	Technology
	For one day per month students will learn about Korean culture and other cultures in our province (First Nations, Chinese, etc). This would include expressions used, holidays observed and an organized meet and greet for these families	May 2014	Administration EAL tutor Staff
	AEI Exchange program;	September 2014	District support Administration
	Grade 6 Social Studies Outcomes: Culture to encourage parent involvement		Ms. Guitard

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	Day Of Culture	September 2015	All staff	

## Goal statement 3: To strengthen engagement of families and foster community partnerships

#### **Priorities:**

SMART Goals	Strategies	Timeline	Responsibility
Increase the number of community/parent volunteers within the school environment such that volunteerism increases by 10%	Meet the Teacher (Sept 2013) Open House (Sept 2014) Sign Up	September 2013-	Administration
	Voicemail messages	ongoing	Administration
	Plan a career day to present a number of career opportunities to students (2014-2015 school year)	April 2014	EST-Guidance PDCP teachers Grade 8 teachers Leadership team
	Solicit parent and community members to become involved in extracurricular activities (ie. coaching, library, fundraising, sports, breakfast program, enrichment periods etc)	Ongoing	Administration PSSC Staff
	Identify further volunteer opportunities within the school -guest speakers -Grade 6 Culture Outcomes -Dance chaperones -Library volunteers -Coaches	Ongoing	Administration All staff
	Volunteer Appreciation evening	June	Administration Faculty advisors

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Teacher coordinators Leadership Team

Goal statement 4: To provide opportunities for staff to learn about mental health issues in children and youth and to promote mental fitness

#### **Priorities:**

SMART Goals	Strategies	Timeline	Responsibility
50% of HMMS staff to complete training in Mental Health First Aid in order to gain competency as mental health first responders by June 2015.	To utilize two days of school allocated professional learning time.  For staff to participate in Mental Health First Aid when made available by District (staff discretion)	September 2014  As per District schedule	Administration All staff All staff
Increase opportunities for discussion and activities related to Mental Health/Mental Fitness.	Presentations to staff each month to increase awareness	February 2014	EST-Guidance Administration
Increase the use of LINK program and increase awareness of this program among our students.	Presentations to homeroom classes and during assemblies  Increase signage relating to LINK program	September 2013	EST-Guidance Administration