

# MIDDLE LEVEL STUDY TASK FORCE

## MEETING DATES

- **Dec. 16:** 7 – 10:30 a.m.
- **Jan. 25:** 3 – 6:00 p.m.
- **Feb. 25:** 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- **March 11:** 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- **April 15:** 3 – 5:00 p.m.
- **May 20:** (if needed) 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## MIDDLE LEVEL REVIEW TASK FORCE

**Wednesday December 16, 2009**  
7:00 – 10:30 A.M.  
ECC 165 - (MUFFINS, COFFEE, TEA  
AVAILABLE)

Facilitator: Jenni Norlin-Weaver

## AGENDA

Welcome, Introductions,  
Review Purpose  
Brief 'Recap' of November  
meeting, Check in  
Shared Reality – continued  
Learning & Communicating  
  
Data Analysis  
'Changing'  
Critical Questions  
21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Next Steps & Closure

## WORK TIME LINE

- Preparation & Planning (Oct. & Nov.)
- Defining Current Reality (Nov. & Dec.)
- Researching Possibilities (Jan. – March)
- Defining Recommendation & Implementation Plan (March – May)
- Implement the Plan (short & long term) June 15 & on

## GROUND RULES

- A. I will be here on time so we can start and finish on time.
  - B. When I am absent, I will be responsible for getting the information.
  - C. I agree to focus my attention on our work with minimal distractions. (side conversations, cell phones, computer work, etc.)
  - D. I agree to be open, honest and respectful with my team members in an effort to continuously build trust.
  - E. I will seek clarification if I don't understand or agree.
  - F. I agree to bring curiosity rather than judgment to our work.
  - G. I will error on the side of student learning.
- \* Use Courageous  
Conversation Agreements

## WEBSITES to Visit

- [www.nmsa.org/](http://www.nmsa.org/)
- <http://www.middleschool.net/>
- <http://www.middleweb.com/>
- [http://scholar.google.com/scholar?q=effective+middle+schools&hl=en&as\\_sdt=2001&as\\_sdtpon](http://scholar.google.com/scholar?q=effective+middle+schools&hl=en&as_sdt=2001&as_sdtpon)
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N52PqTTxFFc&feature=fvw>

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## CHARGE STATEMENT

- Develop recommendations for 21<sup>st</sup> century middle level education (1) providing personalized learning experiences, (2) maximizing available resources and (3) ensuring success and preparation for high school and beyond for all learners- socially, emotionally and academically.