

Reflective Journal 3

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I would like to begin by saying it takes a day of reflection to have something to write about and I find that once things have marinated, my comments have more depth.

On Tuesday the members of Cohort 17 in the Principalship program were introduced to another slate of wonderful administrators. The first up were the top administrators from Mountain Lakes- Dr. Anne Mucci, the Superintendent of Schools and the Senior Facilities Manager. The facilities end of administration was quite interesting and even eye-opening. The work that Dr. Mucci described that she had done to build neighborhood alliances behind a referendum was very impressive. It highlighted her people skills and she almost looked like a future politician. Her glad-handing proved to be a successful strategy and as she spoke, I saw visions of her a mayor of the town. On reflection, I was surprised that Dr. Mucci did not seize the moment in the middle of the year to address the swastika issue in a public forum when the incident happened even if there wasn't public acknowledgement of the particular student culprit.

Despite his years of service, Mark Princiotto displayed a youthful vigor and love of his work.

I know Dr. Pozzi well and admire her librarian expertise. Do we still need librarians in schools? Yes... we do and she along with Bruce DuBoff gave us a wealth of support for the need. My passion for reading, real books and digital readers, connected me in a special way to their presentation.

I was fascinated at how youthful Candace Galvez, Executive Director of the Gramman Family of Schools looked considering her level of responsibility. I marveled at her calm and fit exterior in the face of so many challenging aspects to her job. My wondering is does she have a staff to delegate a good portion of the grunt work to?