

SEAN BEVAN

Experienced, dedicated, and enthusiastic school leader with a track record of leveraging strong strategic planning and interpersonal skills to ensure that rigorous academic success is attainable for all students.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July 2011 - Present

Principal, Westwood High School (Westwood, MA)

- Currently lead a high school of grades 9-12, meeting the diverse needs of approximately 1,000 students and 125 staff members
- Supervise and evaluate teachers and other staff to further the school's continued improvement and commitment to academic excellence
- Plan and execute a professional development program aligned with District, School, and teachers' professional goals
- Notable achievements:
 - Oversaw the first-ever implementation of J-term, a weeklong, immersive program to provide for students and teachers opportunities to pursue a passionate interest in learning about a wide range of topics from Scuba diving to Hip hop to Harry Potter. For more information: www.whsjterm.org
 - Oversaw the development of "Courageous Conversations," a student-driven assembly program designed to provide opportunities for dialogue and perspective-taking on important topics (i.e. Islamophobia, LGBTQ issues, racial identity, etc.)
 - Oversaw the transition to 1:1 Chromebook computing as the first 1:1 Chromebook school in MA
 - Expanded significantly elective course offerings in several disciplines to appeal to a broad variety of student interests
 - Expanded opportunities for students with disabilities: developed a Unified Sports program and school-based, student-run coffee business, "Brewing Independence"
 - Developed a program to increase academic coaching supports for general education students

July 2009 - June 2011

Asst. Principal, Westwood High School (Westwood, MA)

- As sole assistant principal for a student body of 825, supervised daily operations of the school, including standardized testing, administration of major school events, and student discipline
- Supervised and evaluated teachers and other staff to further the school's continued improvement and commitment to academic excellence
- Assisted with hiring and professional development planning and execution

November 2002 - June 2009

English teacher, Algonquin Regional High School (Northborough, MA)

- Classes taught: Literature Studies (10th grade), Journalism (mixed grades, mixed levels), Writing Workshop, and American Literature
- Presented at various professional development sessions, including sessions on best practices for implementing emerging educational technology tools
- Taught school-sponsored evening SAT Prep course
- Advised the school newspaper, *The Harbinger*
- Assistant Coach, Varsity Baseball (2004-2008)

September 2001 - June 2002

English teacher, Kensington High School (Philadelphia, PA)

- Classes taught: 10th and 12th grade English
- Advised the Yearbook
- Advised the Junior class, including oversight of standardized test preparation
- Participated in a variety of school committees including School Spirit committee, Test Preparation committee, and Community Improvement committee

September 1999 - June 2001

Grant Writer and Program Support Assistant, Communities In Schools of Philadelphia, Inc. (Philadelphia, PA)

- Composed and edited grant proposals for various city-wide programs administered by the School District of Philadelphia including teen parent, vocational education, and adult education programs
- Assisted in the management of various citywide programs, including adult education, employment certification, and vocational education

ADDITIONAL WORK-RELATED EXPERIENCE

Chair, Westwood Cares (2011-present)

- Currently serving as chair of Westwood Cares, an organization dedicated to providing information and resources to Westwood families regarding substance use and related issues
- Past topics of the group's twice-yearly programs include: teen marijuana use, social host liability, vaping, and the brain science of addiction

Presenter, National Blue Ribbon Schools workshop, 2019: "Using Twitter to Improve Communication and Grow Professionally"

Presenter, METCO Directors' Association Conference, 2019: "The Role of Stakeholders in Improving School Communities for Students of Color"

Parent representative, Nixon Elementary School Council, 2014-2018

Parent representative, Curtis Middle School Council, 2018-2019

EDUCATION

Leadership: An Evolving Vision (Harvard GSE)

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Certificate of Study (Postgraduate, 40 hours)

Attended July 2019

Commonwealth Leadership Academy

Quincy, Massachusetts

Advanced Certificate

Attended September 2008 to May 2009

Degree conferred May 2009

Temple University

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Master of Education

Major: Education, Minor: Secondary English

Attended September 2000 to May 2002

Degree conferred May 2002

La Salle University

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Arts

Major: English, Minor: Art History

Attended September 1994 to May 1998

Degree conferred May 1998