



H E A D W A Y S

head-ways

noun, plural

Definition: To move forward or make progress, especially when circumstances make this slow or difficult.

Synonyms: Progress, make strides, gain ground, advance, proceed, move, get ahead, come along, take shape

HEADWAYS for Professional Development Coordinators: Teachers as Learners **2017-2018 Schedule and Topics**

HEADWAYS for Professional Development Coordinators will be facilitated by Ned Edwards, Assistant Head for Institutional Operations and Strategic Initiatives and Chaplain, Chatham Hall (VA), unless noted otherwise and will occur on **Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time:**

- ❖ **October 11, 2017: *How Does Your School Define “Professional Development”?***
Topics to consider: required PD elements, key decision makers in determining what “counts” as PD (faculty meetings, in-service days, off-campus events, online learning, etc.), links between PD and evaluation/compensation/banding, allocation of PD funds
- ❖ **November 8, 2017: *Planning an Engaging In-Service Day***
Topics to consider: frequency of in-service days, individual elements (e.g. keynote/featured speaker, breakout sessions, small group work, faculty-led workshops, unconference, etc.), selecting a theme/topic, faculty feedback, target audience
- ❖ **January 24, 2018: *Case Study: How to Change the Culture Around Professional Development and How Professional Development Can Change the Culture***
Guest Facilitator: Mary Girard, Dean of Faculty, Sacred Hearts Academy (HI)
Topics to consider: attitude of faculty toward PD, involvement of staff in PD, the role of PD in building specific competencies
- ❖ **February 14, 2018: *Hot Topics in Professional Development***
Topics to consider: current topics of interest, discrepancies based on role or department, suggested speakers/workshops/online opportunities, etc.
- ❖ **April 11, 2018: *Orienting New Faculty***
Topics to consider: summer preparation/communication/events, ongoing support and mentoring (especially in first year), focus on unique qualities of girls’ schools