

Cumberland Faculty Participate in Corporation Learning

Approximately 100 faculty members from Cumberland Regional High School participated in a workshop about Corporation Learning a few weeks ago. Students from Kearny High School's Corporation Physics class were invited by Vice Principal Catherine Kelk to present the half-day workshop for the faculty of Cumberland High. Ms. Kelk, along with high school principal and superintendent, Robert Bumpus, attended the NJ Department of Education Summit in November entitled, "Getting Down to the Business of Learning." At the summit, the Kearny students spoke about the workplace readiness skills they use on a daily basis in Corporation Physics.

Now known as Corporation Learning, 11 students and two faculty advisors from Kearny High traveled 135 miles to the end of New Jersey to present the afternoon workshop. Faculty member Carol Lagerstrom and John O'Hara, creator of Corporation Learning, accompanied the students to the in-service workshop.

Following Mr. O'Hara's remarks, the students asked the faculty members to adjourn to classrooms where they received further instruction about the Corporation Learning process and were given a task to complete. Each student took a group of teachers from a particular department in the school and in-serviced them on the process of Corporation Learning. The Science Department was led by Xing Gao; Math by Antonious Attallah; Art and Music by Vrunda Bhavsar; Home Economics by Allison Roessler; Health and Physical Education by Alex Gonzalez and Nicole Allaire; Business by Pritesh Patel and Omar Jakubowski; Social Science by Steven Lagerstrom; For-

ign Language by Francis Pollock and English by Devon Tutak.

After receiving instructions from the students, the faculty returned to the auditorium where the science department and the foreign language department presented a lesson to the faculty demonstrating the Corporation Learning process. Members from the foreign language department taught their peers a new language that was created by student facilitator Pollock. The faculty in the science department did a terrific demonstration of Newton's Law of Motion under the watchful eye of student facilitator Gao.

While there were nine other departments anxiously awaiting to show the rest of their peers what they learned and how the Corporation Learning process could be used in their subject area, the end of the day came quickly and the presenters concluded their program approximately 2:30 p.m.

Cumberland Regional High School faculty member Pat Gable was so impressed with Francis Pollock's presentation that Gable sent Frank an e-mail congratulating him for a job well done, and said that the process would be tried in the Latin III class. Mr. O'Hara received an e-mail from Bryan McPhee, who said he was anxious to try the process in his 9th grade physical science class next school year. The Corporation Learning process will be used in the Earth Science classes in Kearny High School next year, under the supervision of Ms. Mia Schoberle. Mr. O'Hara and Ms. Schoberle will be meeting this summer to plan another chapter in Corporation Learning - Corporation Earth Science. Science Department Chair Michael Contreras is using Corporation Physics in his science class as well.