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1. Best part of being a principal? The kids are the best part especially when they  have that aha moment.  It is also very rewarding watching students grew academically, emotionally and socially.  I love my job.

2. Worst part of being a principal? I would say dealing with difficult adults.  No one wants to share bad news and it becomes worse when they blame us and treat us with disrespect.

 3. How did you get here from there? I went to school for a masters degree in administration...I had the opportunity to serve as interim assistant principal at Pierce , then the full time one.  There was 5 retirements one year and HR and the Superintendent asked if I would be interested in moving to the elementary level.  I met with Dr. Klein and at the end of the interview I was offered the Trombly job...

4. How much input do you have in budgeting? We  use to have a lot but with diminishing  monies the decisions about the budget is now made by central office.

5. How much input do you have in personnel decisions? We have a lot.  We interview and make recommendations to HR.  We now have even more say when there are transfers.  No longer are people just assigned to buildings.  Principals now offer feedback.

6. If you weren't a principal what would you be? I would be a teacher.  I always wanted to be a teacher.  I guess if I could fantasize I would say a professional athlete

7. What's a typical day like?  Is there a typical day? No two days are the same.  There are daily items such as visiting classrooms supervising lunch, answering emails/phone calls.  There are so many tasks that need to be done...School improvement, meetings, reporting requirements, teacher observation and evaluations, analyzing testing results (data), IEPs, etc.

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