

Building Leadership Team (BLT) Charter

- We need to find out what a child is passionate about, where their skills and abilities are and then coach them (and their parents) in that direction.
- The purpose of an educational system is to teach kids to THINK, LEAD AND SERVE.

The Van Meter Community School District Mission is to develop positive, productive, and responsible citizens who are independent thinkers, value themselves and others, and have knowledge, skills, and a desire to be life-long learners. The District is committed to a future direction that is a shared vision developed by students, parents, board members, staff, and community members.

The Building Leadership Team (BLT) at the Secondary School is created so as to make operational the Van Meter School District Mission. It is further charged with the following:

- To fulfill the obligation to contribute to the future direction of the district with a strong commitment to the shared vision
- To review past practices and protocols
- To examine and explore the current condition of education
- To study emerging research, striving to meet the needs and develop the potential of all students
- To further provide service and leadership so as to make recommendations functional and operational

Specifically, the BLT is empowered to review, recommend, create, and construct, evolving the Secondary School to meet the needs of the millennium generation.

The BLT represents the Secondary School Staff. Group membership is voluntary. Membership for the 2009-2010 school year is self selected with one representative from the Language Arts / Social Studies teachers, Mr. Hyer, Mr. Jorth, Mr. K. Miller; one from Math / Science teachers, Mr. Armistead; one teacher from Special Education, Mrs. Tendall; one teacher from Related Arts, Mrs. Comer; Mr. Beem, Secondary School Guidance; and Principal, Mr. Durflinger. Cheryl Modlin, Heartland AEA School Improvement Consultant, will serve as a resource. All staff is invited and is welcome to attend.

The BLT will meet semi monthly (1st and 3rd Thursday of the month) after school, from 3:30 to 4:15. Agendas will be created and posted with minutes of outcomes and findings e-mailed to all Secondary Staff members.

The Van Meter Secondary Staff is committed to challenging and developing the potential of every student. Service on the BLT is one of many examples to this commitment. Participation is important, valued, and truly appreciated.