



~ BEE Supportive of Our CAEPs ~

AN OVERVIEW.....JUNE 2012

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A comprehensive educational strategy developed for and dedicated to the life, legacy and teachings of Dr. Barbara A. Sizemore-who served as my mentor-directed at appreciation for the ANSEV coupled with superior language acquisition for African Nova Scotian learners aiming to expand on every child's character.

Background Information:

- ✓ 2004-2005 YP: "Our children need to be taught about global economics early. We should not wait until middle school. Superior language acquisition is essential! That is...foreign language acquisition or Standard English as a second language (SEASL). We must challenge our children to be scholars...and we'll get scholars!"
- ✓ 2004/05 Consensus & Commitment: The Seminar
- ✓ 2005 Tutoring-to-Make-a-Difference (Spring Seminar)
- ✓ 2005 "Consensus & Commitment: **A**dvancing **O**ur**S**elves...to Our 'Highest Cultural Possibilities'" (Fall Seminar) featuring Dr. Asa G. Hilliard, III.
- ✓ 2006 National Teachers Week Initiative: Private Screening of AKEELAH and the BEE
- ✓ 2006 Shaping Tomorrow's Education Committees Within The Black Communities
- ✓ **2006 BEE Supportive of Our CAEPs:**

Standards for Learning:

- Develop a strong and positive character as a primary focus with all other parts of the curriculum relegated to secondary for every child.
- Enable students to fully appreciate their African Nova Scotian cultural history while identifying with people of African descent in our global community.

* Consideration has been given to identify a group of qualified educators/instructors trained in teaching under pedagogies of a cultural immersion focused on appreciation for the African Nova Scotian English Vernacular (ANSEV) coupled with superior second language acquisition.

- ✓ **2007 Inaugural REP Provincial Spelling BEE:** a community-based activity outside regular school curriculum. Its purpose is to focus on English language basics; foster learning of African Nova Scotian students studying the English language; and introduce and encourage students to compete in regional, national and international finals.
 - Regional Study Groups, Local & Regional BEEs and Storysacks
 - Café Noir/Film and COMMUNITY CoffeeHouse Information Nites
 - Community Book Clubs w/featured resources
 - Comprehensive Teaching Strategies/Study Techniques (ie: Concentration)
 - REP Awards of Excellence – Children's Literary Awards
- ✓ 2007 REP Provincial Spelling BEE (Year 1) – **Truculent:** J. Beaton, New Glasgow
- ✓ 2008 REP Provincial Spelling BEE (Year 2) – **Knish:** John Beaton, New Glasgow
- ✓ 2009 REP Provincial Spelling BEE (Year 3) – **Dyslexia:** John Beaton, New Glasgow
- ✓ 2010 REP Provincial Spelling BEE (Year 4) – **Concede:** Jack Andrew, Waverley
- ✓ 2011 REP Provincial Spelling BEE (Year 5) – **Salmonella:** A. Beaton, New Glasgow
- ✓ 2012 REP Provincial Spelling BEE (Year 6) – **Salmonella:** Tomi Akinkunmi, Halifax

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Program Results/Statistics

- 2012:** 1st Place Speller: Oluwatomisin 'Tomi' Akinkunmi, Halifax, NS
2nd Place Speller: Paul Esemu-Ezewu, Halifax, NS
3rd Place Speller: James Esemu-Ezewu, Halifax, NS
- 2011:** 1st Place Speller: Ashley Beaton, New Glasgow, NS
2nd Place Speller: Michael Andrew, Waverly, NS
3rd Place Speller: Jack Andrew, Waverly, NS
- 2010:** 1st Place Speller: Jack Andrew – Waverly, NS
2nd Place Speller: Oluwatomisin (Tomi) Akinkunmi – Dartmouth, NS
3rd Place Speller: Michael Andrew – Waverly, NS
- 2009:** 1st Place Speller: John Beaton, New Glasgow, NS
2nd Place Speller: Jack Andrew, Waverly, NS
3rd Place Speller: Moataz (Mizo) Ibrahim, Beechville, NS
- 2008:** 1st Place Speller: John Beaton, New Glasgow, NS
2nd Place Speller: Lydia Houck, Windsor, NS
3rd Place Speller: Michael Andrew, Waverly, NS
- 2007:** 1st Place Speller: John Beaton, New Glasgow, NS
2nd Place Speller: Colton Smith, Dartmouth, NS
3rd Place Speller: Dylan Cromwell, Weymouth Falls, NS

- 15 of 18 award-winning spots to males, 3 females
- New Glasgow, NS – only 3-time undefeated champion speller
- HRSB collective team of award-winning spellers – 2010 and 2012
- 12 of 18 award-winning spots to HRSB spellers
- 4 of 6 First Place Spellers to CCRSB students

Championship Words

- 2012: **Salmonella** – Tomi Akinkunmi, Halifax, NS
2011: **Salmonella** – Ashley Beaton, New Glasgow, NS
2010: **Concede** – Jack Andrew, Waverly, NS
2009: **Dyslexia** – John Beaton, New Glasgow, NS
2008: **Knish** – John Beaton, New Glasgow, NS
2007: **Truculent** – John Beaton, New Glasgow, NS