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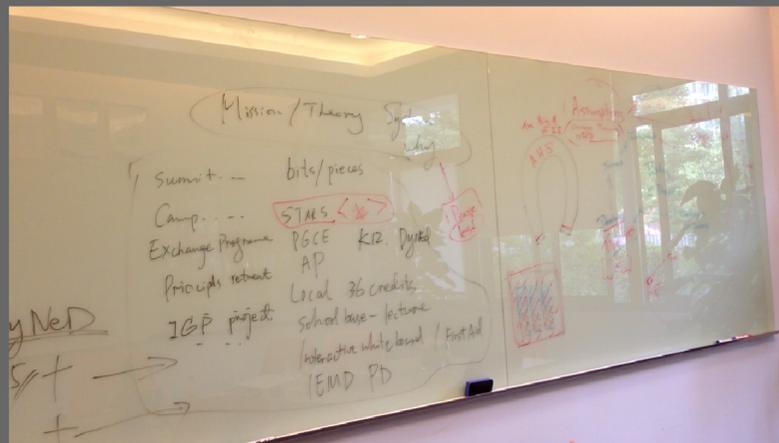
Secret Work Life of Mr. Eaton

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According to the interview with Mr. Raina, in the evening, the principals take turns to check the dorms so that he needs to stay at school late once every week. "People see things from different directions." Said Mr. Eaton. He talks to parents, students, teachers, etc. Mr. Eaton talks to almost everyone. He thinks that communication is the most important thing to run a school, and without communications, he cannot deliver his message to others. The example he gave in the interview was the parents meeting: "Teachers communicate with students so that they can know there's a parents meeting. Then students or teachers communicate with parents so they will know there's a parents meeting they need to attend as well."

In the MUN, students can choose to have credits but then Ms. Ku told them that credits are canceled. Mr. Eaton decided that. Students are really confused. In the next MUN class, Mr. Eaton came into the class and talk directly with them. "Because Mr. Eaton talked to us, I could eventually knew what his true decision and understood him." Said one of the MUN members. Mr. Eaton also gave an example about how "east meets west." "I was talking with Ms. Lu. And I started drawing a picture." In the meeting room, there were two diagrams. (The picture in the middle of the page) The one on the right was drawn by Mr. Eaton, and Ms. Lu made the left one. Mr. Eaton also leaked out some events he's going to do-he is going

to Wuxi to have a meeting with principals from other schools. Their topic is about a long-term plan, which is about 5 to 10 years for the school improvement. And according to the interview, students are going to have Halloween and Christmas Party very soon.



According to the interview, Mr. Eaton works over 60 hours a week and usually works about half a day every weekend. "Being the principal is like being the father of the school," said Mr. Eaton in the interview. "I try to balance the communication and I'm the developing the people so they can develop the students."

The picture above is the diagram of the discussion between Mr. Eaton and Ms. Lu. Most of Ms. Lu's side is full of words and phrases. Mr. Eaton's side filled up with pictures.

"This is really 'east meets west'. These are her views and those are mine. It is cool. It's fun. We are having good discussion more than just showing each other's face." Said Mr. Eaton.