

## What?

Friday, October 26 2012, 10:32 AM

Why am I struggling so much right now?

Things I am struggling with:

- Grad School
  - Classroom management at Clinton
  - Literature selection
  - Using relationships to improve my program
  - The stupid musical
  - Balancing life with school
  - Trying to close on our new house
  - Losing control of my life
  - Living with my in laws
  - Need to create a parents group
  - Do I enjoy teaching and should I continue pushing myself in this field?
  - Doing homework for grad school...I have been such a slacker and I don't know why. Also, why have I been so tired this year? I am just exhausted everyday. I don't feel like I am drowning. I experienced that feeling my junior year of college. These feelings are not as strong as they were then, but something is not right. I seem to be very confused at times and I just can't seem to get a handle on my life. I have no energy and no drive to do anything. For the first time in my life, I feel like I would be ok with quitting school.
- Is teaching the right thing for me to do for the rest of my life?

## Audio

Monday, September 24 2012, 2:28 PM

Holy cow. Today has been one of the worst days of my life. Again. I just don't understand how things could feel so wrong. What can I do to make my day's go better? Do I need to be more prepared for class? Do I need to plan out my lessons more? What is it about this school that I am struggling with so much? I have so many questions and almost no answers. This year has been unbelievable.

**This is crazy.**

For the rest of this year, I need to take things slowly. The expectations are very low. Don't do anymore than what was expected of the previous band director. This list of duties will consist of homecoming, Christmas concert, solo and ensembles, spring concert, and graduation.

Why did I want to teach music? Today, I'm not really sure. Am I strong enough to continue in job? When will we have an answer on our house? This year is driving me nuts.

## Saturday, January 19, 2012

Saturday, January 19 2013, 8:40 AM

- We will need a Module 3 Binder along with a portfolio binder
- Portfolio Binder- Need a philosophy of education and an autobiography.
- Interview Process- We will need to ask questions. What questions will you ask in an interview.
- Faculty meeting project- I will need to conduct a faculty meeting during this course.
- Reflections for each class
- School Climate Project
- The portfolio will need to be electronic
  - [wik.com](http://wik.com)
  - [skdly.com](http://skdly.com)
- School Climate survey could be done for the faculty meeting requirement.
- Faculty meetings- Dave held meetings in the evening and the next morning so all teachers could attend faculty meetings without excuses. Have a school coordinating committee to collaborate with teachers for faculty meetings.
- Dave asked for one meeting per year or semester where he was one on one with the school board to ask what he could do better as a principal. This was done without the superintendent in the room to develop a relationship with the superintendent.
- Two parent conferences that you can leave- One where the parents are swearing at you and the other is when they mention anything about a lawyer or asking you to court. We don't have to put up with that and should leave the meeting.