



Mpulweni

Adult Learning Centre at Bathengi Primary School





The Centre and learners

- Established about 2002, no satellites
- Only ABET levels 3 and 4 [Unusual] [Told not to start matric though big demand for (– 200+) as no jobs and cannot get into TVET without]
- Strong interest in ABET electives Ancillary Health Care and Early Childhood Development
- Significant growth 41 (2013), 66 (2014), 136 (2015)
- Most of the learners are young (29 below 21, 59 are 21-55, and 48 between 36 and 55) and female (males only 12.5%)
- Wide catchment area – some learners even board nearby



The educators

- Growth: 2 in 2013, 8 in 2014, 7 in 2015 [but not allowed to have more now]
- All except one are employed teachers
[issue of “no doubling parking policy”!]
- Most have teacher diploma and ABET Higher Certificate or Diploma (UNISA) [Seen as most valuable, “That’s why I’m winning!”], one has only ABET Higher Certificate
- Educator:learner ratio 1:20 at ABET level 4, 1:6 at ABET level 3
- Unhappy with conditions of service and tuition times

Teaching

- Only allowed to claim for 7 hours a week but teach voluntarily on Friday and Saturday
- Pay for own photocopies
- No materials provided, some exercise books in 2013

[Would happily accept Kha Ri Gude and DHET materials and DBE primary workbooks]

UMGUNGUNDLOVU DISTRICT AET TIME TABLE						
PERIOD (as from): JANUARY 2015.						
CENTRE NAME:	MASIFUNDE					
CENTRE MANAGER:	NGUBANE M.C.			CONTACT:	0717236792	
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
TIME	14:45 - 16:45	14:45 - 16:45	14:45 - 16:45	14:45 - 16:45	14:30 - 15:30	09:30 - 10:30
TEACHER	SIYANE T.T	MTSHALI S.I.	NENE M.C.	GWALA N.	SIYANE T.T	MTSHALI S.I.
LEARNING AREA	L.O.	ENGLISH	MATHS	E.C.O.V.	L.O.	ENGLISH
LEVEL	4	4	4	4	4	4
TIME	16:45 - 17:45	16:45 - 17:45	15:45 - 17:45	16:45 - 17:45	15:30 - 16:30	10:30 - 12:30
TEACHER	NENE M.C.	NENE M.C.	DLAMINI H.	NGUBANE M.C.	GWALA N.	DLAMINI H.
LEARNING AREA	MATHS	MATHS	ANCILLARY	MATHS	E.C.O.V.	ANCILLARY
LEVEL	4	4	4	4	4	4
TIME	14:45 - 16:45	14:45 - 15:45	14:45 - 15:45	14:45 - 15:45		12:30 - 13:30
TEACHER	NGUBO N.J.	MINGAOI B.	NGUBO N.J.	MINGAOI B.		SIYANE T.T
LEARNING AREA	ENGLISH	MATHS	L.O.	MATHS		L.O.
LEVEL	3	3	3	3		4
TIME	16:45 - 17:45	15:45 - 17:45	MINGAOI B.	15:45 - 17:45		
TEACHER	MINGAOI B.	NGUBO N.J.	MATHS	NGUBO N.J.		
LEARNING AREA	MATHS	ENGLISH		L.O.		
LEVEL	3	3	3	3		

The Centre head

- Mrs Makhosazane Nene (Ngubane)
- Enthusiastic and committed
- Enthusiastic in recruitment – addressed schools to ask children to inform parents and older siblings
- Set up partnership with old age home for AHC practicals and with creches for ECD
- Has staff workshops/discussions at least once term (curriculum, staff development, etc.)
- Rigorous management of paperwork (quarterly, now monthly reports, log book, minute book, registration book)
- Used to attend district meetings
- At beginning of each year used to have meetings with School principal, SGB and District officials
- Clearly liked by learners



Support from Department

- Nothing as yet from Community College Administrative Centre
- Used to get regular visits (at least once a term)
- Some curriculum and management support in the past
- No feedback on reports

The function shift

- Never really consulted – simply told it would happen
- Salaries are slow and one staff member has not been paid this year yet.
- Seems to be some overlap between new Community College Administration Centre staff and old Adult Education and Training Directorate staff still housed by provincial Department of Education.

Finance

- Only have salaries paid
- Never any funding for materials or maintenance services
- Head pays some money to school for electricity and cleaning materials out of own pocket
- Have applied to Mshwati Municipality and local farmers for support