

I thank my Director Yunus who made it possible for me to be part of 2018 TABSA team. We started the workshops on the sad note of Tenzin's death. Nevertheless, Yunus became strong as he had to lead the TABSA team and yet privately deal with the death of his son-in law.

The 2018 TABSA team has been the biggest ever - 18 members in total. In such a big group, one would expect lot of personal problems but fortunately that was not the case. Yes of course, we had a few illnesses, but the spirit and love of this large team was a sight to behold. They worked seamlessly while filling in and caring for each other.

There were three weeks of workshop with different people each week. Workshops were to start at 8h30 everyday but teachers arrived joyfully at 8am and classes started early every morning. Every day after workshops were over and before leaving the venue Yunus called us in a meeting and we had to share our experiences of the day. In those briefings one learned a lot.

In week 3 the numbers of attendees were smaller than week 1 and 2 since it was subject advisors and lead teachers. Therefore, some TABSA teachers went out to high school winter classes for learners from many different schools. That was the flexibility of our TABSA team. The feedback report was so positive. TABSA made a huge impact, as usual.

I would listen to attendees during break times when they talked about this unique workshop. They were claiming that they were not regretting being in the workshops even though it was the holidays. They said this even in their evaluation that they need this kind of workshop to take place more often. They even said that they are willing to share with other teachers who were not the part of the workshops.

Jim, Veronica and Carol were good Captains. They were easily accessible, approachable and they led their teams very well. Our support team worked well together.

Thanks to all 2018 TABSA members for making a huge difference in the learning and teaching of mathematics and science in South Africa.

The TABSA team donated 6 laptops to needy students, gave supplies to the School for the Deaf and Blind, supported the uniform project and the sanitary towels project, all to the TbaNchu community through Ziphakamise, a social welfare organization based in KZN. All this is highly appreciated. Blessed is the hand that giveth.

The 2018 TABSA workshops ended with a lunch and award ceremony with the honorable MEC, Tate Makgoe, the true mover and shaker of education in the Free State.

Sincerely submitted,  
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