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I joined Shengeza High School 2008 after I was approached by the then Principal M. A. Manyapye in December 2007. It was not an easy decision as I was a lecturer at Mthashana FET college teaching Engineering Science, Mathematics and Electrical Technology subjects. My problem was that I was not going to be available during weekends as I was working at Maputaland Community Radio every Friday to Sunday so as a Grade 12 Maths educator was not going to afford assisting learners as matric demands lot of time.

Subsequently I joined the Institution late January after taking deep considerations. I was tasked to teach Mathematics Grade 11 to 12 and Maths Lit Grade 10. It was not my first time to teach Mathematics as before I joined the College I was at Isicelothu High teaching Maths and Physical Science.

Connection with Learners

- This was a great moment for me. During holidays, educators used to divide themselves to two groups for extra classes. I was common in both groups as I was the only one who was not working on weekends. During revisions I used to assist them on Sundays after my radio gig.
- I used to buy some refreshment for the learners to eat after our Sunday classes.
- Learners would sometimes come and call me to their class when there is a free period or when the concerned educator is not present that day
- I used to go with them to attend workshops at Empangeni, yoh we had some fun, they would brag to other learners from other schools when they want to take pictures with me (their teacher)
- The principal would think that there is no educator in our class and come find that we are laughing while learning. We had some fun during learning.

Method of teaching

- Sometimes I would prepare one Maths test for Grade 10 to 12 and announce the results, Top 10 at the morning assembly.
- Everyday there was a classwork and homework after a lesson. I was marking both works in class myself.
- For classwork, homework and tests, I used previous question papers or similar problems.
- I made sure that my marking for homework and classwork was harsher than test and exam.
- I had a computer so I was typing my tests papers.

Being involved in Grade 12 Marking

- I was also one of the markers and that made me confident when teaching kids because I knew what is needed.

- I was also a Maths Class Coordinator for Manguzi Cluster. Hence I used to go and assist other schools and sometimes invite other teachers from other schools to come and assist us.

Extra Mural activities

- I formed a Shengeza High School Choir, we won and went to Ulundi and represent our District.
- Our choir used to perform during school events

Achievements

- 2008 it was the commencement of NCS in Grade 12, we had no previous question papers only one Exemplar Question Paper.
- It was my first year at Shengeza , my 1st year of teaching grade 12 Mathematics. I achieved the following in Maths Grade 12:
 - 2008 : 33%
 - 2009 : 64% (3 of my learners were in Top20 of Umhlabuyalingana achievers awards. One of them got level 7 and 2 level 6s)
 - 2010 : 82%
 - 2011: 78%

My journey ended in 2012

- Unfortunately I left my learners to join Eskom on March 2012 but I came back and do revision after marking their March exams papers.
- I am glad there are some learners who got scholarship at Eskom through my recommendations.
- That why I came back in 2023 to give some learners some school shoes.
- I am one of the actors on SABC1 number 1 series Uzalo but I know that there is another home for me Shengeza High School.