

January 11, 2013 – Besancon Visitors at Lee

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On Wednesday, January 9, 2013 Robert E. Lee High School had the pleasure of hosting three visitors from the French city of Besançon. The visitors included: Sylvie Schmidt, Francis Pinot, and Paul Lo-papa. Sylvie Schmidt's job at the Rectorat is to oversee public school exchanges with all English-speaking countries. Her territory includes Maïche. She sings in the gospel choir and performed in Staunton in July of 2010. Francis Pinot is Principal at the Collège Victor Schoelcher in the village of Champagny in Haute Saône. Paul Lo-papa teaches History and Geography at the Champagny Collège. Pinot and Lo-papa are doing a special project with a middle school in the Charlottesville area on the abolition of slavery and African American culture.

While at Lee High, the visitors toured the school and spoke with French I and French III students. Mrs. Denise Southwick, Chair of the Foreign Language Department at Lee High, expressed appreciation for Ms. Louisa Dixon's, a Lee High graduate efforts in getting the visitors to Robert E. Lee High. "This is a win-win situation for our visitors and for our students as they learn from each other through this visit," said Mrs. Southwick.

