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David Perkins



Ron Ritchhart



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The Cultures of Thinking Collaborative's Conference



INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES 2008-2009

Curriculum Council

Topics: Content, Curriculum, Assessment, Learning, State and Federal Updates, Professional Development, Thinking, HSTW, and MMGW

Book Study: *The Six Secrets of Change* by Michael Fullan

Location: Transitions Center

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Dates: September 10, 2008; November 5, 2008; January 28, 2009; March 4, 2009; and April 1, 2009

Elementary Principals

Topics: Instructional Leadership, Curriculum, Content, Professional Development, Professional Learning Communities, Learning, Saginet, and Thinking

Book Study: *The Six Secrets of Change* by Michael Fullan

Location: Transitions Center

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Dates: September 17, 2008; November 19, 2008; January 21, 2009; March 11, 2009; and April 29, 2009



Saginet/Secondary Principals

Topics: Instructional Leadership, Curriculum, Content, Professional Development, Professional Learning Communities, Learning, Thinking, Saginet, and Making Middle Grades Work/High Schools that Work.

Book Study: *The Six Secrets of Change* by Michael Fullan

Location: Bintz Apple Mountain

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Dates: September 9, November 4, 2008; January 6, March 3, April 14, 2009

HIGH SCHOOLS THAT WORK MAKING MIDDLE GRADES WORK

HSTW Literacy Plan Review/Reluctant Readers and Writers With Geralyn Myczkowiak

Audience: High School ELA Teachers, Reading Specialist, Title 1 Teachers, Special Education Teachers, and Administrators

Location: Transitions Center

Cost: Per Person

\$20.00/Participant (meals)

\$60.00/Participant for series

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 (*7:30 registration*)

Dates: October 7, 2008, November 14, 2008, and December 5, 2008



Algebra I Teaching Strategies with Leslie Texas

Audience: High School and Middle School Algebra Teachers

Location: Transitions Center/Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn

Cost Per Person:

\$20.00/Participant (meals)

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 (***7:30 registration***)

Dates: November 3, 2008, Transitions Center
January 26, 2009, Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn

HSTW Leadership with Heather Sass

Audience: Building teams, including the principal, lead teachers, district representative, and counselors.

Location: Transitions Center/Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn

Cost: Per Person

\$20.00/Participant (meals)

\$40.00 for series

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 (***7:30 registration***)

Dates: December 11, 2008 Transitions Center
April 16, 2009 Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn



Middle School Mathematics Teaching Strategies with Leslie Texas

Audience: Middle School Math Teachers

Location: Transitions Center

Cost: Per Person

\$20.00/Participant (meals)

\$40.00 for series

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 (*7:30 registration*)

Dates: November 4, 2008 and January 27

MMGW Literacy with Nancy Blair

Audience:

Middle School ELA teachers, Reading Specialists, Title 1 Teachers, and Special Education Teachers

Location:

Transitions Center

Cost: Per Person

\$20.00/Participant (meals)

Time:

8:00 a.m. to 2:30 (*7:30 registration*)

Dates: October 28, 2008; February 18, 2009; and April 28, 2009

MMGW Leadership with Nancy Blair

Topics: Building teams, including the principal, lead teachers, district representatives, and counselors.

Location: Transitions Center

Cost: Per Person

\$20.00/Participant (meals)

\$100.00 for series

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 (**7:30 registration**)

Dates: October 27, February 17, 2008; April 27, 2009

The Tri-County Cultures of Thinking Collaborative



2008-2009 Cohort 1 Year 2

Audience: Participants from Cohort 1

Process Commitment: willingness to collectively engage in study groups, look together at students' thinking, utilize thinking routines, examine teacher language, make thinking visible, and teach for understanding. Participants will engage in action research.

Facilitator: Dr. Ron Ritchhart, Project Zero, Harvard University

Location:

Transitions Center - **College credit and SB-CEU's available**

Cost: N/A

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (**7:30 registration**)

Dates: September 26, November 12, 2008; January 14, April 22, 2009

The Tri-County Cultures of Thinking Collaborative



**2008-2009
Cohort 2, Year 1**

Audience: Members of cohort 2

Process Commitment: willingness to collectively engage in study groups, look together at students' thinking, utilize thinking routines, examine teacher language, make thinking visible, teach for understanding, and fully engage all students in the pursuit of deep thinking and understanding within and across each content area.

Facilitator: Dr. Ron Ritchhart, Project Zero, Harvard University

Location: Transitions Center - College credit and SB-CEU's available

Cost: N/A

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 (*7:30 registration*)

Dates: August 27 (half-day sessions), September 24 & 25, November 10 & 11, 2008; January 12 & 13, April 20 & 21, 2009.

New Teacher Training 2008-2009

Audience: New Teachers with less than three years of teaching experience or new to a grade

Facilitator: Geralyn Myczkowiak and Dr. Rod Rock

Location: Transitions Center

Cost: \$150.00 (Includes: meals and materials)

Available: 2 credit hours for **additional fee.**

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Dates: September 10, October 8, November 5, December 11, 2008; and January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, 2009

Reading Coaches & Lead Teachers 2008-2009

Audience: Lead teachers, reading specialists and ELA coaches

Topics: Please join Literacy Coordinator, Geralyn Myczkowiak, for a year-long Professional Development and Book Study designed for Literacy Coaches and Lead Teachers.

Location: Transitions Center

Cost: \$75.00

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **OR** 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (*Choose AM or PM Session*)

Dates: September 11, October 9, November 20, 2008; January 8, February 19, March 25, April 29, 2009

Creating Writers in Grades 3 to 8

Audience: ELA teachers in grades 3-8

Topics:

Study together Vicki Spandel's book, *Creating Writers*. It is a comprehensive overview of the best educational strategies and philosophies for writing instruction and assessment. This book uses the 6 + 1 Traits of Writing to effectively help teachers of writing prepare their students for success on state tests. Presenter: Geralyn Myczkowiak

Location: Transitions Center

Cost Per Person: \$100.00 (*Includes: Meals and Book*)

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Dates: September 15, October 23, and November 24, 2008

Reading Intervention Group Strategies

Audience: ELA teachers in grades K-3 and special education teachers

Topics: Examine both assessment and strategies for teachers to use with students in small intervention groups. Teacher resources include *Words Their Way* and *SERP/TRA Reading First* materials.

Facilitator: Geralyn Myczkowiak

Location: Transitions Center

Cost per person: \$50.00 (*Includes: light dinner & materials*)

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Dates: September 17, October 1, and October 29, 2008

Units of Study for Primary Writing: A Year Long Curriculum (K-2)

Audience: ELA teachers in grades K-3 and special education teachers

Topics:

Join our year-long study of teaching Writing in the primary classroom as we implement the processes, structures, and best practices described in the Lucy Calkin's series.

Location: Transitions Center

Cost: \$350.00 (*Includes: meal, handouts & Calkins Year-long Curriculum*)

OR \$150.00 (*If you bring your own Calkins Curriculum Books*)

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Dates: September 22, October 13, and December 2, 2008; January 16, February 26, March 23, and May 13, 2009

Contact Geralyn Myczkowiak, Literacy Coordinator at
myczkowg@sisd.cc or 989.399.7454

Performance Appraisals Made Easy
With Dr. Lizabeth Margulus

Audience: Central Office and Building-Level Administrators with Personnel Evaluation Responsibility

Topics: Performance appraisals made easy, with a positive impact on the evaluation processes between supervisor and staff

Location: Transitions Center

Cost Per Person: \$100.00 (*Includes: lunch on the 14th*)

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday October 14, 2008
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Friday February 13, 2009

Dates: Tuesday October 14, 1008
Friday, February 13, 2009

February 13, 2009—Save the Date—February 13, 2009
County–Wide Professional Development



Michael Fullan, author of *The Six Secrets of Change*



Dr. Anthony Muhammad, author of *Magic Dust*

*Plus continued discussions from August 27, 2008

Health and Drug Free Offerings: Coming Soon, Amy Wassmann,
Coordinator, 989.399.7473, wassmanna@sisd.cc



Secondary Assessment Project

Date	Content Area	Attendees	Task	Location	Time
9/19/2008	Algebra I and Biology	Teachers	Review and create items	Transitions Center	12:00 to 2:30
10/24/2008	Algebra II	Teachers	Review and create items	Transitions Center	12:00 to 2:30
Administer	Biology and Algebra I	Teachers	Administer assessments		
11/21/2008	Biology and Algebra I	Teachers	Review results	Transitions Center	12:00 to 2:30
1/30/2009	ELA	Teachers	Review and create items	Transitions Center	12:00 to 2:30
2/27/2009	Chemistry and Physics	Teachers	Review and create items	Transitions Center	12:00 to 2:30
3/13/2009	Geometry	Teachers	Review and create items	Transitions Center	12:00 to 2:30
Administer	All	Teachers	Administer assessments		
4/17/2009	ELA, Chemistry, Physics	Teachers	Review results	Transitions Center	8:00 to 11:30
4/17/2009	Algebra I and Algebra II	Teachers	Review results	Transitions Center	12:00 to 2:30
5/15/2009	Biology and Geometry	Teachers	Review results	Transitions Center	8:00 to 11:30
5/15/2009	Algebra I and ELA 9	Teachers and Curriculum Directors	Standards Based Assessment	Transitions Center	12:00 to 2:30
2009-2010	Algebra I and ELA 9	Ninth Grade Teachers	Standards Based Assessment	Transitions Center	
2009-2010	Algebra II, Chem, Physics, ELA 10-12	Teachers	Standards Based Assessment	Transitions Center	

Notes: Each group, along with Curriculum Directors, Principals, and Superintendents, will monitor and adjust the process according to student and teacher needs.

The ISD will make available, in print or on-line form, access to the assessments. The on-line version will include scoring and scoring reports.

The ISD will deliver printed copies, collect the copies after administration, and destroy the copies.

The printed version will require a \$.05/page copying fee.

These tests are secure and require security precautions by handlers.

Currently Available Assessments include: Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, ELA 9, Biology, K-8 Math, and K-8 ELA.

Forthcoming Assessments include: Physics, Chemistry, Earth Science, and ELA 10

Contact Rod Rock at 989.399.7461 or rockr@sisd.cc for more information.

April 23, 24, and 25—Save the Date—April 23, 24, and 25



The Cultures of Thinking Collaborative's Conference



David Perkins, Author of *Whole Game Learning*



Ron Ritchhart, Author of *Intellectual Character*



Mark Church, *The Story of Learning*

Frankenmuth, MI
*Includes Classroom Visits