

# LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## *Staff Travel Report to School Board of Trustees*

Your recent request to travel has been approved. Within two weeks of the date of the conference, the following report is due in the office of the Deputy Superintendent.

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Staff Member:	<u>Jerri Kerns</u>	School:	<u>Sutro Elementary</u>
Conference:	<u>National Elementary and Secondary Education Act Conference</u>	Staff Assignment	<u>Teacher</u>
Do not use acronyms			
Location of Conference:	<u>Denver</u>	Dates Attended:	<u>2/9-2/13</u>

### *General Overview: Do not use acronyms*

The theme of the conference is cultivating communities for student success. I chose sessions and looked for ways to help the mission of Sutro Elementary with tier 1 instruction and attendance.

### *How will this impact student learning in a positive way?*

I believe that there are many things that I am taking away from this conference that will help me not only in my classroom, but at our school to help create a community that our students are invested in their learning and making it the best place possible.

Session was alot about the knowledge gap and that is what is holding so many students back. With the focus on tier one instruction we want to focus on explicit teaching and helping to link topics together to build a deeper background knowledge to help bridge the knowledge gap. Also by focusing on writing and good writing instruction can help students do better at elaboration and is a great check for understanding to help monitor their understanding. This session talked alot about how writing has an effect on learning and it can bridge the learning in the brain. There is also a huge deficit model in schools which is what the schools assume students know to access the new learning and what they really know. I have the presenters book Beyond the Science of Reading that I want to read to learn more.

The second session had all students make a list of three trusted adults so when there was any issues the admin team could reach out to these individuals and have them check in on the student who needs some extra support. This school alos planned a learning showcase to be set up in the gym during parent teacher conferences where students could take parents to showcase things they learned that quarter. This school also recognizes students every day during their morning meeting for thing they have accomplished. This would be great to positive office referrals and shout outs for kids doing amazing things. They have a mindset of turning challenges into growth.

*How will I implement what I learned and how will I share this information with my colleagues?*

I would like to share the book *The Writing Revolution 2.0* and some of the strategies to help enhance the writing and help to hopefully help to enhance the learning of students and help to decrease the knowledge gap.

In session 2 I loved the idea of having a list of trusted adults for kids, to begin the implementation mid year I think it would be a great idea to begin with the students who are chronically absent or have behavior issues. It will be a way to help these students create positive connections in the classroom.

I would love to have our school read the *Energy bus* and the *Energy bus for kids*. I like the idea of empowering students with learning these rules. I want to reread this in my classroom and then share it with other teachers. I would love for our school to begin doing positive office referrals with positive calls home and shout outs during morning announcements. I am planning on reading the book *The Energy Bus for schools*.

I want to help others bring *Stem* into their class but also look at failure in a different way and how we can set up lessons that students will fail to then make changes to succeed. I will show the paper airplane experiment. I will also share the *Kara Ball* book *50 Strategies for teaching stem skills*.

*Other Comments:*

I learned a lot from every session from this conference and feel blessed to have the opportunity to not only grow as a teacher but also have the opportunity to help others grow as well.

  
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