

**Bloomington School District 13**  
**2018-2019 Professional Development Report**  
**Dr. Evonne Waugh, Assistant Superintendent for Learning**

**Institute Days**

- August 13 & 14, 2018: Superintendent Bartelt's Welcome and Presentation; Mr. Cary Moreth, President BOE Welcome all District 13 staff. Professional Development activities included: Keynote speaker Lisa Westman, Standards-Based Grading: Conduct Orchestras Not Trains. Grade level team/department meetings for curriculum articulation related to SIP goals and content area. Benefits Orientation for new staff.
- March 1, 2019: DuPage County Wide Professional Development Offerings attended by Staff:
  - Edcamp Bloomington at Erickson Elementary
  - A Day at the Painting Spa! Lessons & Techniques
  - Don't Try Harder, Try Different
  - Math Institute
  - Music & Arts Clinic
  - NDSEC Connections Conference
  - PE Workshop
  - Science Modeling Instruction Workshop
  - Social Studies Conference
  - THEATREFOLK
  - World Languages

Staff members working in district on:

- Creating Assessments
  - Incorporating Literature into Middle School Curriculum
  - Cross Curricular Connections
  - SIP Data Analysis
  - Standards-Based Skill Sets
  - Wilson Reading System
  - Writing Prompts for Standards-Based Learning
- April 22, 2019: Appropriate Communication, Physical Boundaries, Cultural Sensitivity. Standards-Based Grading and Reporting. Preschool Assessment Process. Social Emotional Learning.

## **School Improvement & Inservice Days**

- September 19, 2018: 6-8 Assessment Review/Revision at Westfield with Maggie Brewner from the DuPage County Regional Office of Education
- October 5, 2018: K-5 Standards-Based Grading at Erickson with Lisa Westman. 6-8 Assessment Literacy at Westfield with Maggie Brewner. SEL Team Research Based Behavioral Interventions, Special Education Department Effective BIP Implementation
- January 11, 2019: Standards-Based Grading, Special Education Process and Procedures.
- January 16, 2019: Otus SBG Training. Fine Arts & PE Assessments. Student Portfolios.

## **Other Opportunities**

### **New Teacher Orientation**

August 6-7: Teachers new to the district were welcomed by mentor teachers, district staff, and administrators. They worked with their mentor teachers to become familiar with the district and attended a countywide day to learn more about legal responsibilities of teachers.

### **Peer Mentoring**

October 18, 2018: Classroom Management  
November 8, 2018: Parent/Teacher Conferences  
November 8, 2018: Book Study - Seven Simple Secrets Taste of Technology:  
February 22, 2019: Taste of Technology

### **Fully Charged: The Secret Sauce for Emotional and Academic Success**

with Julie Adams: January 8, 2019, Instructional Coaches, Specialists, Accelerated Teachers, Nurses, and SEL Team

### **Midwest Principals' Center: Emerging Leaders Academy - Next Generation of School**

Leadership: August 2, October 1, December 3, 2018, February 4, March 4, June 10  
Lexy Beckwith, Karen Petelle

### **Gifted Education Seminar**

with Jeanine Buishas: September 25 - November 30, 2018

**Book Study:** Ditch That Homework, Westfield

**Book Study:** Grade Smarter, Not Harder, Westfield

**Mysteries and Thrillers for Reluctant Readers** with author April Henry

### **Growth Mindset: Paraprofessional Impact**

**Strategies for Behavior Escalation Prevention** for Paraprofessionals

**Taste of Technology** at DuJardin with Jennifer Eggert:

August 31, September 28, October 26, March 8, May 3

**Virtual Course: Not Your Grandmother's PD:** September - March

**Out-of-District Workshops attended by Staff:**

- Drama Teacher Academy, Cyndi Bringer
- Teaching Romeo and Juliet, Cyndi Bringer
- Emerging Leaders Academy, Lexy Beckwith, Karen Petelle
- Instructional Coaching Intensive Training, Jennifer Eggert
- Modern Measure of Learning, Jennifer Eggert
- Responsive Classroom Course, Kat Lents
- MusEd, Breena Lanphier
- Bilingual Directors Meeting, Sandy McGuckin
- Understanding Social Studies Standards, Lexy Beckwith, Mary Kay Lepore
- The National Joint Conference of Librarians of Color 2018, Mariela Siegert
- IL Reading Council Conference, Nanci Greene, Nicole Kastory, Betsy Niemiec, Karen Petelle
- Techniques for Students with Emotional and Behavioral Problems, Dawn Reich
- Standards Based Grading is Really Not About Grading, Lauren McDonald, Al Sparks, Natalie Thompson, Amanda Vreeland
- Illinois Council of Instructional Coaching Conference, Jennifer Eggert (Presenter), Nanci Greene (Presenter), Lauren McDonald, Leah Mirante (Presenter), Elizabeth Niemiec (Presenter)
- Illinois Association of School Social Work Conference, Jessica Kurpiel, Charla Treanor
- IL School Library Educators State Conference, Elaine Alex, Jodi Gaffey, Nanci Greene (Presenter), Heather Grover (Presenter), Richard McCall (Presenter), Leah Mirante (Presenter), Kristen Novotny, Jon Perry (Presenter), Jean Raimondi, Mariela Siegert (Presenter)
- IAEA Fall Conference, Emily Fiedler (Presenter), Deyana Matt (Presenter), Katherine Maksimuk
- Teaching Mathematics for a Growth Mindset, Elaine Alex, Natalie Thompson, Jessica Wilmes
- Inquiry as Engagement, Mallory Pagano
- Northern Illinois Science Educators Conference, Carri Chesler (Presenter), Andrea Gilbert, Nanci Greene (Presenter), Amanda Vreeland (Presenter)
- Illinois Education and Technology Conference, Nanci Greene (Presenter)
- Coping With Fake News and Teaching Media Literacy, Jennifer Eggert, Nanci Greene, Heather Grover, Rick McCall, Kristen Novotny, Mariela Siegert
- Raising Student Achievement Conference, Leah Mirante (Presenter), Lexy Beckwith (Presenter)
- The Arts of Visuals Arts, Deyana Matt
- Illinois Music Educators Conference, Maureen Doran, Breena Lanphier
- MPC Writing Strategies with Jennifer Serravallo, Betsy Niemiec

- NICE Conference, Katie Cockerham (Presenter), Rick McCall (Presenter)
- Student Discipline, Bullying and Restorative Justice, Jennifer Eggert
- Students Involved with Technology Conference, Tiffany Denning, Nanci Greene, Leah Mirante
- Otus Regional Workshop, Sarah Binder, Jennifer Eggert, Kat Lents, Joan Nelson, Rachel Sliwa, Layne Winiarczyk
- ESSA Conference, Lauren McDonald, Natalie Thompson
- Mental Health Issues: Strategies to Help Students Succeed, Dawn Reich
- ICE Conference, Sarah Binder (Presenter), Jennifer Eggert (Presenter), Rick McCall, Layne Winiarczyk (Presenter)
- Suicide Bereavement Training, Jessica Kurpiel
- Attachment and Trauma Network Trainer of Trainers, Dawn Reich
- Social Thinking: Emotions - More Than We Think and All That We Feel, GypsyLee Bilenda, Brittany Giammarino, Molly Vaughn
- ISTE Certification, Rick McCall
- YogaFit Kids, Jessica Kurpiel
- Foundations Level 1 Workshop, Shannon Dyer
- DuPage Counselor Roundtable Network, Charla Treanor
- Restorative Practices , Jessica Kurpiel
- Scholastic Reading Summit, Kristen Novotny
- Midwest Science Modeling Institute, Andrea Gilbert

## **2019 Summer Professional Development**

### **June 10, 2019**

#### **Comfy Chair Book Share, K-8**

Facilitators: H. Grover, N. Kastory, K. Novotny, K. Petelle, M. Siegert

The Japanese use the word “Tsundoku” to describe the practice of buying books and letting them pile up unread. Most of us are guilty of this practice. Here is your chance to dive into that pile of professional books- not those that are to be used with students in your classroom, but rather the ones that are designed to help you grow as educators. Participants will be given time to read professional books of your choice as well as share titles and new learning with peers. Get excited for some comfy-chair book shares!

#### **#FULLYCHARGED NEUROSCIENCE -**

#### **The Secret Sauce for Cognitive, Emotional & Physical Success, K-8**

Facilitator: Julie Adams

This fast-paced and fun session will share the latest research about the young brain, how to strengthen it (and overcome trauma), and provide a tool-kit of strategies for Maslow & Bloom success for all ability levels.

### **June 11, 2019**

### **Unlocking New Opportunities with the 4Cs, K-8**

Facilitators: Jennifer Eggert & Layne Winiarczyk

Who's doing the work in your classroom? Join us for a session full of student ownership tools and resources to take back and utilize in your classroom. Get excited for time to explore different strategies, activities, and student choice! Participants will leave ready to give students the opportunity to facilitate their own learning... AKA... LET THEM LEAD!

### **Interactive Notebooks, 3-5**

Facilitator: Natalie Thompson

Are you interested in having your students create an Interactive Notebook? Come and see how we have developed it in the sixth grade and how we utilize the Zippi camera to take the housekeeping out of the classroom.

### **Tech Tools You Never Knew You Needed, K-8**

Facilitators: Jennifer Eggert, Amy Fonk & Kristen Novotny

With the overflow of tech tools out there, which ones are really worth the time for both you and your students? Come to get a taste of Seesaw, Book Creator and Flipgrid! Choose one, two or all three to explore and find meaningful ways to enhance learning for your kids come next year!

### **Writing in the Math Curriculum, 3-5**

Facilitator: Natalie Thompson

Writing has become essential in math. We will use the standards and have students use their critical thinking while incorporating part of the writing rubric in evaluating students.

### **Be a Leader, Not a Follower, K-8**

Facilitators: Emily Fiedler & Heather Grover

Everyone knows Twitter, but have you used it to its fullest potential? In this session, we will guide you through all the resources that are available through Twitter, including but not limited to who to follow, how to chat, and get the most PD out of tweeting with the least amount of effort.

### **Inclusion at its Best, K-5**

Facilitator: Lexy Beckwith

Want new strategies to effectively include NDSEC students in your general education environment? Join me to learn about facilitating morning meetings and energizers that target the social/emotional learning needs of ALL students. Explore ways to meet SEL IEP goals in the general education setting and to make the most of their academic time in your classroom!

### **Instructional Coaching Support- Differentiated PD, K-8**

Facilitators: Jennifer Eggert, Nicole Kastory, Rick McCall, Betsy Niemiec, Tim Brandau,

Nanci Greene, Lauren McDonald, Natalie Thompson  
Instructional Coaches will support Differentiated PD on teacher-selected topics related to 21st Century Teaching and Learning, School Improvement Team work, and individual curriculum topics of interest related to building goals.

## **June 12, 2019**

### **Google Slides: Thinking Outside the Presentation, K-8**

Facilitator: Nanci Greene

We all know that Google Slides is a great tool for creating collaborative and professional-looking presentations. But Slides can be used for much more, especially in a classroom setting. This session will introduce a variety of ideas using Slides that can be used with all grade levels and subjects.

### **Vocabulary & TQE Method with Novel Studies, K-5**

Facilitators: Lexy Beckwith & Karen Petelle

Amp up student engagement in literacy through the TQE reflection method. Learn how to challenge student thinking and comprehension using this strategy during novel studies.

### **Screencastify & YouTube, K-8**

Facilitator: Emily Fiedler

This session will share with you Screencastify and YouTube to flip your classroom digitally. I will go through the process of creating, editing and instructing with videos.

### **Summarizing Strategies, K-8**

Facilitators: Nicole Kastory & Justin Kastory

With summarizing being an imperative skill for students, this session is designed to give strategies for teachers to use for all grade levels. The focus of the session will be based on ways to help students find a main idea for a reading selection and supporting it with key details. Several strategies will be introduced and practiced by participants for their appropriate grade levels, along with ways to scaffold and differentiate.

### **Non-Traditional Assessment, K-8**

Facilitators: Lexy Beckwith & Jennifer Eggert

Want some new ideas to gauge student understanding? Participants will be empowered with the time to explore, discuss, and create activities that meet instructional goals and student needs. You'll walk away with ready-to-use plans for the 2019-2020 school year.

### **Cross Curricular Connections with Breakout EDU, K-5**

Facilitators: Jackie Holm, Jen Ikens, Rachel Sliwa & Susanne Stankoskey

Teachers will learn how to incorporate Breakout EDU to develop cross curricular connections. Teachers will find this useful for enhancing student collaboration,

critical thinking skills, and the connections between the different subject areas.

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### **June 13, 2019**

#### **Student-Driven Differentiation: 8 Steps to Harmonize Learning in the Classroom, K-8**

Facilitator: Lisa Westman

Transform teaching and learning with student-driven differentiation. Educators commonly use the terms personalization, differentiation, and individualization, but struggle to implement these approaches successfully. This is due to a variety of perceived obstacles (standardized testing, initiative overload, class size) and fallacies about what differentiation is and is not. Demystify differentiation and learn more about the steps to take to harmonize learning in your classroom in this workshop.

#### **Mindfulness and SEL: How We Can Practice What We Preach, K-8**

Facilitator: Lauren Beversdorf

Participants will define staying present, what it is to be mindful and also investigate research on the connection between staying present with mindfulness techniques and how it connects to our own teaching and our student's social emotional learning. Participants will receive a mindful journal, participate in some mindful activities such as a body scan, a pebble reflection, simple breathing techniques or the benefits of eating mindfully. They will engage in discussions with other participants after watching short video clips as well as self-reflections in their journals.

### **June 12 - August 12, 2019**

#### **Virtual Course: PD on the Beach, K-8**

Facilitators: Jennifer Eggert, Nanci Greene, Rick McCall

Professional Learning + Summer Sun = PD on the Beach. Based on the idea of individualized and ongoing PD, this virtual course will be run on a districtwide Google Classroom throughout the summer. Throughout the course, participants will engage in resource exploration, collaboration, and reflection based on their chosen topic. The timeline for work will be flexible, however there will be check-in dates throughout the summer where certain tasks must be completed.

**Summer Mini Work:** All teachers invited to participate in 5 hours of paid Summer Mini work related to curriculum development (\$32.50 per hour).

## **Committee Work**

### **Literacy Committee**

#### **Goals for 2018 - 2019:**

- **Support Year 2 Implementation of ReadyGEN Literacy Materials, K-5.**
- **Review Balanced Literacy Approach and Align Instructional Practices, K-5.**
- **Continue work on Writing Scope and Sequence, 6-8.**
- **Continue work on Assessment Literacy, 6-8.**
- **Plan professional development to support improvement in Literacy Instruction**

**Committee Members:** Julie Atchison (EE Grade 2), Lexy Beckwith (DJ Grade 4), Anna Dispensa (DJ Grade 1), Lauren McDonald (WF Literacy Specialist), Betsy Niemiec (EE Literacy Specialist), Karen Petelle (DJ Literacy Specialist), Susanne Stankoskey (EE Grade 3), Angel Frattinger (Admin), Evonne Waugh (Facilitator)

#### **Key Accomplishments this year:**

- Designed focus for professional development for K-5 Grade Level Articulation Meeting during the October 5 non-student attendance day: Grade-level Team Cross-District Articulation on ReadyGEN & Individual Grade-level Team time with Lisa Westman.
- Designed agenda/topics for January 15 & 17, 2019 shared articulation meetings with Roselle District 12: ReadyGen, Standards-Based Grading, and Assessments.
- Continued focus on literacy professional development for all 6-8 staff at Westfield to improve classroom level assessments, working with Maggie Brewner, DuPage Regional Office of Education.
- Reviewed alternative assessment I-Ready: Visited Itasca and provided feedback on pros/cons of implementation.
- Planned writing professional development for all 6-8 at Westfield, including writing across all content areas as a sustained topic for focused articulation during School Improvement early release days.
- Reading Specialists share Building-Level progress on SIT Goals with Committee to improve cross-district communication or individual building happenings.

### **Curriculum Innovation Committee**

#### **Goals for 2018 - 2019:**

- **Support acceleration, differentiation, & student choice.**
- **Discuss/Review Assessment options: I-Ready, STAR, CoGAT7 (examples).**
- **Plan March 1, 2019 EdCamp.**
- **Plan Summer 2019 Professional Development to support instructional improvement in all content areas.**



**Committee Members:** Jennifer Eggert (DJ Instructional Tech Coach), Emily Fiedler (EE Art), Nanci Greene (WF Instructional Tech Coach), Tina Kolzow (DJ Grade 5), Jennifer Koziol (EE Grade 2), Kat Lents (DJ Grade 4), Rick McCall (EE Instructional Tech Coach), Kelly Ordoqui (Associate Tech Coordinator), Natalie Thompson (WF Math Interventionist), Evonne Waugh (Facilitator).

**Key Accomplishments this year:**

- Successfully implemented District 13 March Countywide EdCamp open to all districts during Countywide Institute.
- Reviewed alternative assessment I-Ready: Attended I-Ready Demo and visited Itasca to learn more about local use of the assessment. Provided feedback to staff/committee members on pros/cons of implementation.
- Reviewed OTUS platform and provided feedback on use and implementation.
- Created Needs Assessment for Summer 2019 Professional Development, disseminated to staff and utilized results to plan summer professional development activities, including planned sessions with outside consultants, carousel of staff presenters, and on-site coaching and support for staff summer mini-work.

**Standards Based Grading Committee**

**Goals for 2018 - 2019:**

- 1. Pilot Standards Based Report Card for Math for grades K - 4.**
- 2. Create parent survey for parent input on Standards Based Grading**
- 3. Provide teachers with time and professional development support for collaboration during school improvement on Standards Based Grading.**
- 4. Communicate progress on Standards Based Grading initiative to district teaching and administrative staff.**

**Committee Members:** Sarah Binder (EE Grade 1), Kelly Burbach (DJ Grade 3), Carri Chesler (WF Grade 7), Katie Cocherham (EE Grade 2), Shannon Dyer (DJ Special Education), Carol Ehrhardt (WF Special Education), Angel Frattinger (DJ Asst Principal, Grade K), Angela Foley (WF Grade 6), Layne Winiarczyk (EE Grade 4), Principal Mark Dwyer and Erickson Principal Patrick Haugens (Co-Facilitators)

**Key Accomplishments this year:**

- Communicated Standards Based Grading philosophy to K - 5 parents during Curriculum Night at both elementary buildings.
- Pilot Standards Based Report Card for Math for grades K - 4.
- Disseminated parent survey for parent input on Standards Based Grading.
- Reviewed OTUS Program and provided feedback on use and implementation.
- Designed professional development to support teachers during School Improvement early release time: Lisa Westman & OTUS.
- Facilitated Standards Based Grading Presentation to Board of Education.
- Regularly communicated progress on Standards Based Grading initiative to district teaching and administrative staff.