



Winter Curriculum Director Symposium 2018

Monday, February 26

Descriptions for Breakout Sessions I, II and III:

- A. **Social Studies Update**
Presenter: Dixie Grupe, DESE Director, Social Studies

- B. **English Language Arts Update**
Presenter: Debbie Jamison, DESE Director, English Language Arts

- C. **Assessment Update**
Presenter: Shaun Bates, DESE Director, Assessment

Tuesday, February 27

A. Changing Times - A Change in Perspective

Presenter: Al Richardson, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, Marshfield R-I

Targeted Audience: K-12 Administrators, Curriculum Leaders – All others welcome!

This presentation focuses on how the Marshfield R- 1 School District's focus on data and growth has changed over the years and the vision the district has on moving forward with growth. Examples will be provided of how the district not only looks at grade-level data MAP data but also longitudinal MAP data. The presentation will also include how data reviewed is moving away from a weakness/deficiency model to a strength/success model.

B.1 BYOC heard of it? Want to know more? (Session I Only)

Presenter: Chris Trina, Founder of BuildYourOwnCurriculum (BYOC)

Targeted Audience: K-12 Administrators, Curriculum Leaders

In this session, participants will receive a demonstration of the BuildYourOwnCurriculum (BYOC) web-based curriculum management tool. BYOC staff will provide an overview of the software to create courses, units, and lesson plans that are easily accessed by teachers and administrators. See how to develop clearly written learning targets aligned to district/state/national standards, and determine easily where and when they are being taught to ensure K-12 coverage. Organization of teaching resources such as assessments, handouts, presentations, and website links and how to share these with students, parents, and other educators will be presented. See for yourself why BYOC is a leading curriculum management solution for schools in Missouri and nationwide.

B.2 BYOC, You've Got Questions? We've Got Answers! (Session II Only)

Presenters: Chris Trina and Mark Sternig, BuildYourOwnCurriculum (BYOC)

Targeted Audience: K-12 Administrators, Curriculum Leaders

This session is an unstructured Q&A / Show and Tell session with Chris Trina, the founder of School Software Group and the original designer of BuildYourOwnCurriculum. Mark Sternig, product evangelist for BYOC, will also join the discussion to answer real-world questions from actual users. This session is for anyone with outstanding questions on BYOC, or others that just want to listen in on the conversations. Learn anything and everything on what makes BYOC a leading curriculum tool for Missouri districts.

B.3 BYOC (Session III Only)

Presenter: Jennifer Hecktor, Assist. Superintendent & Brian Ernst, Technology Facilitator – Wright City

Targeted Audience: K-12 Teachers, Administrators, Curriculum Leaders

Listen to Jennifer and Brian share their story of how Wright City has reenergized the use of curriculum and BYOC in the district. Hear them explain how they have reintegrated curriculum into their district infrastructure and daily functions. Like many districts, Wright City's curriculum efforts had waned over the years, this is a great story of refocusing. Attendees should leave this session with ideas they can leverage in leading their own districts.

C. 15 Invaluable Laws of Growth - To reach your potential, you must be intentional about personal growth

Presenter: Randall Gooch, Director of Career, Technical and Adult Education, Columbia Public Schools

Targeted Audience: K-12 Administrators, Curriculum Leaders, K-12 Teachers

This session will introduce you to the John Maxwell's 15 Invaluable Laws of Growth that are essential for personal and professional growth and provide practical application to begin adding value to you and those you influence. We will do a deep dive into The Law Of Intentionality – Growth Doesn't Just Happen, The Law Of The Rubber Band – Growth Stops When You Lose The Tension Between Where You Are And Where You Could Be, The Law Of Awareness – You Must Know Yourself To Grow Yourself, and The Law Of Contribution – Growing Yourself Enables You To Grow Others. Additionally, you will learn about other resources that can accelerate your growth journey and provide sustained support.

D. Genius Hour: Building Passionate Learners

Presenter: Bobby McCutcheon, Randall Elementary Principal, Independence 30

Targeted Audience: K-12 Administrators, Curriculum Leaders, K-12 Teachers

Genius hour allows students to be in charge of their own learning by self-selecting projects based on their own personal passion. Students become experts in their chosen field by connecting with real world experts as well as through rigorous online research. Genius Hour sparks critical thinking and problem-solving and leads to high levels of student engagement. Too often, students from disadvantaged backgrounds have a limited exposure to a multitude of careers and possibilities. Genius Hour provides a way for students to explore beyond the curriculum and beyond their own schools and neighborhoods. It exposes them to a wide array of opportunities and helps to ignite a passion for learning in every child. This session explores the purpose behind Genius Hour, the plan on how you can effectively implement it in your school, and examples of student projects.

E. Instructional Leadership is NOT an Option! (Session I Only)

Presenters: Dr. Janie Pyle, Associate Superintendent, Raytown C-II School District

Targeted Audience: K-12 Administrators, Curriculum Leaders

Join this session as we review the five researched areas of Instructional Leadership and the importance of these skills in improving teaching and learning. A general knowledge of content curriculum and a working knowledge of effective instruction, instructional evaluation, data analysis and feedback are essential to our work in academic accountability. You will gain overall ideas on how to embed your learning of these areas into your every day schedule.

F. #GoOpen to a World of Digital Resources

Presenter: Dr. Steve Ritter, Superintendent, Sherwood Cass R-VIII School District

Targeted Audience: K-12 Administrators, Curriculum Leaders, K-12 Teachers

This presentation will share the advantages of #GoOpen and using Open Educational Resources that are available for free online. With the high costs of textbooks that are not adaptable over time, this is a great opportunity to review alternative resources for student learning that won't cost your district thousands of dollars. Participants are encouraged to bring an electronic device as time will be available for review of some of these resources. Methods for using these in the classroom and aligning to your district's curriculum will also be detailed.