What is Effective Professional Learning?

1st Annual Conference
November 8-9, 2012
Best Western Seven Seas, Mandan, ND

Register today for $99! Join us for a networking mixer on November 8th from 7-10 pm. Conference will be held November 9th from 7:30-4:00 pm CST and will focus on learning standards through a keynote speaker, breakout interactive learning sessions, networking and a Lunch ‘N Learn panel session on Social Media. One multi-university credit is available. To register, go to: bit.ly/LFNDConf. Conference registration deadline October 25.

Registration fee includes social, breakfast, lunch and snacks throughout the day. Secure your lodging now at the reduced rate of $95/night by calling 701-663-7401 (conference rate expires October 25). Payments are made payable and can be sent to Learning Forward North Dakota – MREC at 3001 Memorial Hwy, Ste B Mandan, ND 58554.

Keynote Speaker - Jacqueline Kennedy: Inside the Standards for Professional Learning
The keynote will introduce participants to the core concepts, underlying assumptions, and rationale for the standards. Participants will engage in 75-minutes of lectureettes, group discussion, and personal reflection to deepen their understanding of the role of the standards, prerequisites for professional learning, and the link between professional learning and student results.

Breakout Session I: (Strand A) Jacqueline Kennedy: Standards in Action
This session will take participants on an exploration of the standards. Participants will engage in 75-minutes of small group discussion, reading, guided and personal reflection intended to realize the significance of the seven standards, their core elements, and implications for their role.

Breakout Session I: (Strand B) Chris Bryan: Advancing the Standards: Coaches are the Multipliers Schools Need
Participants in this session will distinguish between effective and ineffective leadership qualities and learn about actions effective teacher leaders take to maximize capability, creativity, talent, initiative, and resourcefulness in those they work with for the purpose of improving teaching and learning.

Breakout Session II: (Strand A) Jacqueline Kennedy: Standards in Practice
This session will provide participants with a variety of tools for gauging implementation progress, and observable behaviors of what each standard looks like in practice. Participants will engage in 75-minutes of learning tasks and small group discussion to explore ways for moving the standards into practice.

Breakout Session II: (Strand B) Chris Bryan: Standards in Practice: Getting Them Right Through Coaching
This session will provide participants with an opportunity to identify strengths and challenges in putting the Standards for Professional Learning into practice. They will engage in problem-solving coaching conversation with a partner for the purpose of identifying actions to take to address a current challenge related to implementation of the Standards.

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