

EMBEDDED BEST PRACTICES FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

Course No. 2009-6.....8 Hrs.

The Fall 2009 workshop series will be repeated in Spring 2010

Overview

Presenter: Jack Costello, Questar III

Session 1: *Introduction to Embedded Professional Development* – For years Jack has facilitated workshops for Lansingburgh Academy and teachers have repeatedly asked him to come to work with them in their classrooms. This year he will be extending Academy sessions into the classroom. Jack’s philosophy is one of collaboration. He approaches his work with teachers from the perspective of skilled colleagues working together to improve student learning. Just like his Academy workshops, his embedded time will not be spent judging or evaluating anyone but rather will be spent reflecting with teachers on their students’ learning using qualitative and quantitative data to determine if students are meeting the formative and summative assessment expectations demonstrating what they need to know and be able to do. He will be collaborating with teachers to observe and identify student behaviors and decide how to move students forward using best practices and skills for the 21st century

Session 2: *Utilizing Best Practices to Improve Student-Learning* – This session will focus on best practices and will be tailored to the needs of the participants. Topics might include: content literacy, differentiated instruction, using data to inform instruction, creating professional learning communities, or other topics as determined by the group.

Session 3: *Developing an Individualized Professional Development Plan for the Future* – Participants will work with Jack to develop goals for continued professional growth for the year to maximize student learning. We will also continue to focus on strategies for content literacy, differentiated instruction and using data to inform instruction. We will work together throughout the year to develop a professional learning community of middle school and high school teachers.

Session 4: *Wrap-Up and Reflection* – Members of both the Fall and Spring Sessions will come together to share the work they have done, the growth their students have made, and the impact embedded professional development has had on their professional work.

Recommended: All Middle School and High School Staff

Fall Sessions:

Dates: Session 1: Tuesday, October 6, 2009.....2:45-5:45 p.m.
Session 2: Wednesday, October 21, 2009.....2:45-5:45 p.m.
Session 3: Thursday, December 10, 2009.....2:45-5:45 p.m.
Session 4: Tuesday, May 18, 2010.....2:45-5:45 p.m.

Location

KMS/LHS/LMC