

April 5, 2019

Presentations/Workshops

Sherri Maupin-Szweda did a session on Co:Writer Chrome Extension to support writing for OTs, Itinerant Teachers and one district 44 tech representative.



District 89 – Student Independence and Confidentiality – presented by Emily Shields, Wendy Barickman and Barb Layer to district paraprofessionals.

Highlights of ASCD Conference

Ron Clark - founder of the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta and author of multiple educational leadership books. Baruti Kafele - author of Is My School a Better School Because I Lead It?, Doris Kearns Goodwin who spoke about her new book Leadership in Turbulent Times and discussed ten leadership cornerstones that she developed after studying various presidents. Ken Robinson talked about transforming priorities in education to allow for creativity and curiosity. Also attended a workshop on transforming culture through design thinking and a workshop on working with teachers on how to effectively maximize co-planning time.

BCBA/Behavior Coaches Regional Meeting

Emily Shields facilitated the first regional meeting for behavior coaches and BCBA's. Topics covered included how evaluations are conducted, how coaches are assigned, typical workloads, strategies for classrooms and sharing ideas and information. This group would like to continue to meet next year to discuss more issues and for the professional collaboration and support and CASE will host and facilitate these meetings.



Daily Herald Profile

The Daily Herald will feature Tara McCarthy as a Top Teacher on Monday April 8th. We are looking forward to seeing her recognized for her great work!

CASE Special Education Directors Meeting

Cindy and Gene shared information about their book study using Jessica Minahan's book, The Behavior Code. Participants are using their own students and creating behavior plans for their last meeting. Creating a cohort/class around the Behavior Code Companion Guide was also discussed. Emily Shields and Barb Layer are working together to organize the paraprofessional workshops that have been held throughout the year so that there are more distinct modules for districts to select from when requesting workshops. Gene led a discussion about CASE and the districts potentially collaborating with the Coalition of Schools Educating Mindfully. District 89 is putting together a cohort of staff that will become certified in Mindful Classroom strategies. Laurel and Crysta worked together to create a community activity to watch "Intelligent Lives," a film about welcoming individuals with disabilities into our communities.

CASE Business Managers Update

The Business Managers reviewed the relocation information, final budget information for FY19 and projections for FY2020. They also set up individual meetings to discuss MOE and refund amounts.