The Heart of English: K-16 Working Together

 February 13, 2014

 Keynote Speakers

 Dr. Tom Hoffma n, MSU Matt de la Pena, Author & Speaker

 Morning Keynote Luncheon Keynote

Time:

8:00 – 8:55 Exhibitors, Conference Registration

9:00 – 10:00 Opening General Session/Keynote Speaker: Dr. Tom Hoffman

10:15-11:15 Breakout Session One

11:20-12:20 Breakout Session Two

12:20-1:30 Lunch with Keynote Speaker: Matt de la Pena

1:35-2:35 Breakout Session Three

2:40-3:40 Breakout Session Four

3:45-4:00 Conference Closure: Door Prize Drawings

Conference Sessions to Include:

Understanding the New Core & Writing Requirements: Panel Discussion- (Kristen Garrison & Dave Rankin-MSU/Joe Johnston-Vernon College) Missy Mayfield-Moderator

Promoting Reading and Writing with Boys (Matt de la Pena)

Edgar Allen Poe (Dr. Hoffman)

Figure 19: What Does it Mean? (Joni Lemley, R9 ESC) Keeping It Short (Shelly Cunningham, R9 ESC)

Writing on the Spot (Becky Green, MSU) What Can We Do For You? (Allison Breen, MSU)

Integrating Visuals into Writing (Sally Henschel, MSU) Writing with Style- (Greg Giddings, MSU)

Accommodating or enabling? Let’s talk about how knowing the difference can help kids. -Paula Tilker, R9

What is the TPSP? (Texas Performance Standards Project) (Lisa Taylor, R9))

***The Heart of English: K-16 Working Together Conference*** is a specially designed opportunity for ELA teachers in Grades K-16 to come together for conversations and learning. The conference will feature two keynote speakers as well as several breakout sessions. Dr. Tom Hoffman, MSU English professor, will present the opening keynote address and a breakout session focusing on the use of poetry at the secondary and postsecondary level. New York author and speaker, Matt de la Pena, will be the luncheon keynote speaker and also present a breakout session about the challenges of working with boys in the areas of reading and writing. Breakout sessions will feature presentations by area teachers; professors and instructors from Midwestern State University and Vernon College and Region 9 Education Service Center content specialists. Teachers must attend both keynote addresses and four breakout sessions to obtain their 6.0 GT credit for the conference.

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