Creating an Avenue for Regional Networking & Collaboration

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DuPage County Directors of English Language Learners Network (DELL)

- Forum for the DuPage County Directors of English Learning and Bilingual programs
- Meet 4-5 times a year
- Meet at the DuPage Regional Office of Education
- Planning committee
DELL Planning Committee

- Regional office Liaison
- Chair
- Co-Chair
- Interested members
Planning Committee Responsibilities

- Plan agendas based on committee feedback
- Obtain speakers
- Act as point people for questions
- Set up surveys and google docs
- Collect, Analyze, and disseminate data
- Facilitate meetings
DuPage Directors of English Learners Network (DELL)

Includes:

Regional office representatives
Regional office DELL liaison
Planning Committee members
DuPage Directors
Directors from outside of DuPage
DELL Purpose

- Share best practices/research
- Problem-solve
- Showcase what works
- Develop a regional professional learning community
DELL Meeting Expectations

- Agenda planned by the planning committee based on committee feedback
- Shared google doc with all agendas, notes, and powerpoints
- ISBE and ROE Updates discussed at every meeting
- Time for professional learning and sharing
- Networking
Bilingual Directors’ Council (BDC)

- Composed of Bilingual/ELL Directors & Coordinators in the South Suburbs
- Began in October of 2014
- Meetings are held monthly or every other month
- 1.5 hours
- Locations of meetings vary
- Host is responsible for notes
- Lunch or snacks for those in attendance
Why BDC?

● We all needed a support system
● Topics are chosen in advance based on time of year
  ○ Programming
  ○ ACCESS
  ○ PARCC
  ○ EC Requirements
  ○ Special Education and ELL
  ○ PERA
  ○ Newcomers
  ○ Sharing of resources and bilingual materials
  ○ PD Opportunities
  ○ Gifted Programming
● GoogleDrive is utilized for agendas and notes
BDC

- We email each other constantly with questions and/or concerns with almost immediate feedback
- Many great collegial relationships have been formed
- New members join monthly
  - Started with 10 districts that were interested
  - As of today, we have 43 members and 26 districts in the BDC
BDC

- We have hopes of making our meetings more PD based in the future
  - Speakers
  - Book Studies
  - Data Analysis
- If interested in joining, please email Ruba Sousan rsousan@isd109.org
Rock Island County ELL Consortium

- East Moline SD 37
- Silvis SD34
- United Township HSD30
- Moline-Coal Valley SD40
- Rock Island/Milan SD41
Community Consortium Members
Purpose of Consortium

- Share information
- Combine resources
- Advocate for students and families
Districts’ Combined Efforts

- **Multi-Day SIOP Training (Program Improvement Grant)**
  - 4 districts funded
  - 3 cohorts
  - 80 participants
  - Other surrounding districts invited

- **Biliteracy Workshop**
  - 2 districts funded
  - 25 participants

- **Newcomer Toolkit Workshop (Bilingual Education Excellence Grant)**
  - 2 districts funded
  - 15 participants
Shared Leadership

Superintendent

Assistant Superintendent of Exceptional Programs

Special Education/PreK Coordinator

Assistant Superintendent of Student Achievement

EL Program Director

Principals

EDUCATING ELs

Instructional Design + Service Delivery + Resources

ELs' Individual & Collective Characteristics

Shared Vision and Collective Efficacy
Thank you!

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