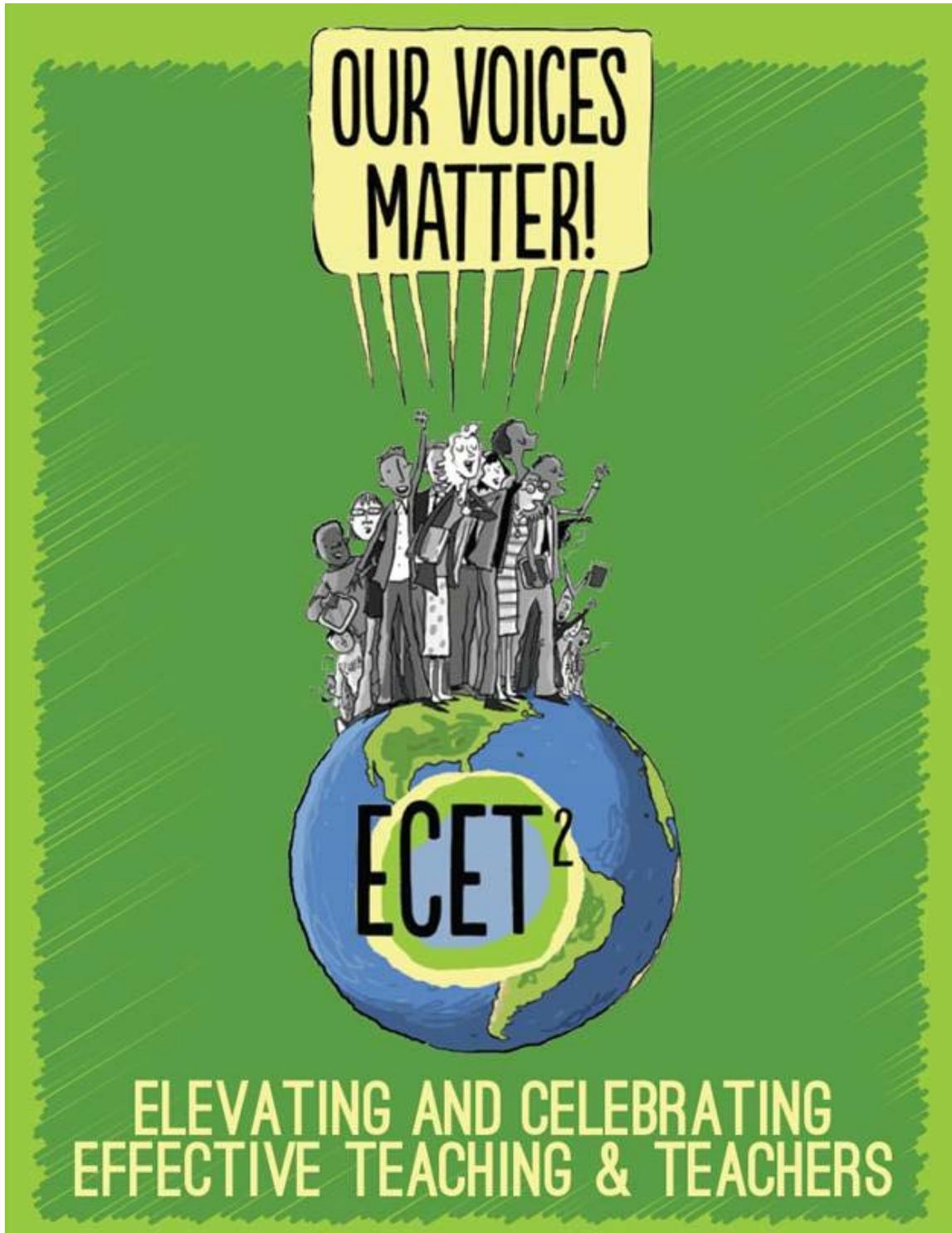


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ECET2 – MT AGENDA



Wednesday, August 10, 2016

1:00 – 2:00 **Check-In - *Madison Room***

2:00 **Welcome! - *Madison Room***

Anne Keith

Cultivating a Calling: Let Me Brew You a Cup

Eric Cioe

2:15 – 4:15 **Teacher Leadership – An Inside Job – *Madison Room***

Dave Meldahl

Effective teacher leaders understand that their influence is a function of their actions, not their position. They also embrace the reality that their influence originates within themselves. The more alignment there is between a teacher leader's moral compass, goals, and day-to-day behavior, the more effective s/he becomes at achieving results despite inevitable obstacles and setbacks.

During this session, we will:

- ❖ Explore models of self-awareness and emotional intelligence and their relevance to teacher leadership, and
- ❖ Learn practical strategies to enhance personal and leadership effectiveness

4:15 - 5:15 **Colleague Circles – *Madison Room***

Erica Schnee

Introductions

Brainstorming problems of practice

Select one to “dig deep” into tomorrow

5:15 - 6:30 **Enjoy Big Sky Resort!**

6:30 - 8:00 **Reception/Dinner - *Jefferson room***

“The Power of a Pencil”

Craig Beals

Melissa Romano – Montana Superintendent of Public Instruction candidate

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Thursday, August 11, 2016

8:00- 8:30 **Breakfast - Jefferson Room**

Cultivating a Calling: The Inspiration of Positive Relationships -
Molly Billedeaux

8:30 - 9:30 **Colleague Circles – Jefferson Room**
Erica Schnee

Problem of Practice protocols

9:30 - 9:45 **Break**

9:45 -10:45 **Teacher Leadership – Jefferson Room**
Shelly Stanton

Leadership Competencies
The Teacher Leadership Initiative

10:45 - 11:00 **Break**

11:00 - 12:00 **Break-Out Session #1**

Select from one of the following. If the room is “full” (30 attendees), please choose a different session. Course descriptions and speaker bios follow the agenda.

1. **Let's Build Your Teacher Toolbox - Jefferson Room**
Lindy Hockenbary - k-12
2. **Academic Parent Teacher Teams - Lake Room**
Deb Persons & Gia LaForge - k-6
3. **Lessons from BetterLesson's Master Teacher - Canyon Room**
Jessica Anderson - k-12
4. **Best Practices in Science Classrooms - Dunraven Room**
Christine O'Shea - k-8
5. **Flexible Seating - Obsidian Room**
Tara Hirsch - k-12
6. **A Conversation with Teachers on Teaching - Cheyenne Room**
Anne Keith - k-12

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12:00 - 1:15 **Lunch – Jefferson Room**
Lt. Governor Mike Cooney

After you've dined, please participate in a "**WALK & TALK**" with a colleague - process what you've heard so far at ECET2-2016! Do you have an idea for a goal for the school year to improve your teaching or your school environment?

1:15 - 2:15 **Break-out Session #2**
Select from one of the following. If the room is "full" (30 attendees), please choose a different session. Course descriptions and speaker bios follow the agenda.

1. **Social Media You NEED to Know - Jefferson Room**
Ann Brucker – k-12
2. **Surprising Science - Lake Room**
Craig Beals – 6-12
3. **Math in the Real World - Canyon Room**
Becky Berg - k-8
4. **KinderTech: Tools for Integrating Technology in the Primary Classroom - Dunraven Room**
Nikki Vradenburg - k-3
5. **Science Activities and Labs on a Budget - Obsidian Room**
Elizabeth Matthews – 3-8
6. **A Conversation with Teachers on Teaching - Cheyenne Room**
Erica Schnee - k-12

2:15 - 2:30 **Break**

2:30 - 3:30 **Meeting the challenges of age specific students**
Based on survey results from last year's ECET2, teachers asked for grade band specific meetings. Please select the group that best meets your current job description. High school teachers, choose one group to attend. Each group will brainstorm the "challenges" of teaching at this level and share "solutions" to help us all stay motivated!

- Grades K-2 - Candice Miller - Lake Room**
Grades 3-5 - Tara Hirsch - Canyon Room
Grades 6-8 - Anne Keith - Dunraven Room
Grades 9-12 - Jessica Anderson - Obsidian Room
Grades 9-12 - Anna Baldwin - Cheyenne Room



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- 3:30 - 3:45 **Break**
- 3:45 - 4:15 **Goal Setting → Action Planning – Jefferson Room**
Erica Schnee
- [TWEET](#) your goal to the universe! [#ecet2mt](#)
- 4:15 - 4:30 **Share out**
- 4:30 **Closing Remarks**

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10:00 - 11:00 Break out Session #1

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1. Let's Build Your Teacher Toolbox! - k-12 - Jefferson Room

Lindy Hockenbary

Every teacher should have a "teacher toolbox" that is filled with tools used for instruction. In this hands-on, collaborative session, we will add some digital tools to your teacher toolbox. You will work with a partner to choose a digital tool from my teacher toolbox, create a product of choice, and share! Please bring a Windows, Mac, or Chrome OS device to be able to fully participate.

2. Academic Parent Teacher Teams - k-6 - Lake Room

Deb Persons & Gia LaForge

Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) are a new approach to the old parent-teacher conference model. The focus of APTT is to engage and build relationships with parents and create a parent network of support. In APTT meetings, teachers share data, instruct parents on foundational grade-level skills, and parents create shared academic goals. APTT elevates family engagement from entertainment to a focus on student learning. APTT is a "national model for engaging families effectively in education." In this session, participants will receive an overview of this research and evidence-based system.

3. Lessons from BetterLesson's Master Teachers – k-12- Canyon Room

Jessica Anderson

Have you ever needed a lesson in a pinch? BetterLesson is your new best friend! Personalize your professional development by exploring lessons created by nationally selected master teachers in ELA, math, science, and blended learning. By the end of this session, you'll have a toolkit of lessons to use in your classroom.

4. Best Practices in Science Classrooms - k-8 - Dunraven Room

Christine O' Shea

This session will address what teachers can focus on in science classrooms in order to be ready for the new Montana science standards. The emphasis will be on Three Dimensional Instruction. Teachers will learn the dynamics of Three Dimensional Instruction and review examples.

5. Flexible Seating - k-12 - Obsidian Room

Tara Hirsch

Have you ever wondered why people go to coffee shops to get work done? It's the environment! In this session, we'll look at improving our classroom environments to provide student choice, and increase student engagement and participation through flexible seating. We will explore examples of flexible seating classrooms, provide you with leads on funding sources, and discuss tips on classroom management.

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6. A Conversation with Teachers on Teaching - k-12 - *Cheyenne Room*

Anne Keith moderator

If none of the sectionals match the needs of your current teaching assignment, please join this informal conversation with no agenda. Participants will decide what educational topics they want to discuss and share their ideas, enthusiasm, and expertise.

11:15 -12:15 Break out Session #2

Select from one of the following. If the room is "full" (30 attendees), please choose a different session.

1. Social Media You NEED to Know - Grades K-12 – *Jefferson Room*

Ann Brucker

Snapchat, Instagram, Periscope... what are they?! Let's explore and discuss how and if you can embrace these tools in your classroom.

2. Surprising Science! - Grades 6-12 - *Lake Room*

Craig Beals

Experience demos and activities that engage students, cause them to wonder, and keep them begging to learn more.

3. Math in the Real World - Grades k-8 - *Canyon Room*

Becky Berg

Are your students reluctant to solve math problems? Why not try engaging them in some real world video problems? A simple framework, suggested strategies, methods for quickly capturing and sharing, along with examples for implementing real world video math tasks into your classroom will be shared.

4. KinderTech: Tools for Integrating Technology in the Primary Classroom - k-3 - *Dunraven Room*

Nikki Vradenburg

Blogging, screencasting, concept maps, digital research and social media...with primary students? Why not? Learn how to use powerful digital tools to meet Common Core standards for ELA and Math in the primary classroom. Explore tools created specifically for primary students to blog, create videos, screencasts, concept maps and audio recordings. Bring your favorite device and come ready to get techy!

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5. Science Activities and Labs on a Budget - 3-8 - *Obsidian Room* *Elizabeth Matthews*

The focus of this session will be on hands-on science activities and labs that your students will be excited about that are low cost. Each activity will be discussed to explain how you can adapt and adjust it for your classroom. The content will cover the core disciplines of the NGSS.

6. A Conversation with Teachers on Teaching - k-12 - *Cheyenne Room* *Erica Schnee Moderator*

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Dave Meldahl, M.Ed.

Dave's passion is working with busy, results-oriented executives and business owners who want to capitalize on a key strategic advantage – their leaders. Through his practical, proven and collaborative approach, he helps organizations sharpen the leadership skills of managers so profits are deepened, morale is enhanced, and the type of culture is created that attracts and retains top talent. His clients have been from a variety of industries, including software, biotech, retail, financial services, government and healthcare.



Dave Meldahl, M.Ed.
Sr. V.P. of Think2Perform

The focus of Dave's work is on 1:1 leadership coaching, team effectiveness, organizational leadership development, training and the application of tools such as DiSC® (personality), The Five Behaviors of a Cohesive Team™ (team effectiveness) and EQ-i 2.0 (emotional intelligence) to deepen self-awareness and create actionable insights.

Before joining Think2Perform, Dave ran his own coaching, training and consulting business for six years. Prior to entering consulting, Dave worked over the span of 24 years for American Express Financial Advisors/Ameriprise developing leaders and teams across the United States. Hundreds of leaders and thousands of training participants have put Dave's practical expertise into action.

Locally in Bozeman, MT Dave has taught the Leadership Foundations course at Montana State University, writes a quarterly "Business Matters" column for the Bozeman Daily Chronicle's Business Journal, and has served on the boards of Eagle Mount and Young Life, including President and Chair respectively.

Dave has a B.A. in Psychology and Communications from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN and a M.Ed. in Human Resource Development from the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis, MN. After braving the humidity, mosquitoes and flatness of Minnesota for 17 years, in 2000 he moved back to God's country in Montana with his wife, and two kids. He enjoys hitting a little white ball around in the summers and remaining vertical while gliding down white powder in the winters.

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Jessica Anderson

Jessica Anderson, the 2016 Montana Teacher of the Year, is a science teacher in transition. In August, she started working as a blended learning instructional coach, serving teachers across the country. She is also the co-founder of #MTedchat, a participant-driven education chat on Twitter.

Craig Beals

Craig Beals has been teaching science at Billings Senior High School for 11 years. He is the 2015 MT Teacher of the Year, has National Board Certification and recently hosted a television special about the Yellowstone Supervolcano on the History Channel.

Becky Berg

Becky Berg works for the Billings Public Schools as a K-6 instructional math coach. She loves learning and working alongside other educators. She enjoys the challenge of developing and facilitating PD both face-2-face and online.

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Molly Billedeaux

Molly is an enrolled tribal member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. She has been teaching for nine years and is currently a kindergarten teacher at Cherry Valley Elementary in Polson. She holds a professional teaching certificate as well as principal certification with a master's degree in educational leadership.

Ann Brucker

Ann Brucker is a Technology Integration Specialist for the biggest school district in the Big Sky State. She taught 4th and 5th grade for about 15 years before turning to the tech side, and since taking on this new challenge, she has become a Nearpod Certified Trainer, Google Certified Teacher, authorized Google Education Trainer and proud geek. She is a graduate of the Teacher Leadership Initiative, served as a Board member for the Montana Council for Computers and Technology in Education, and is currently working toward her National Board Certification. Ann's motivation stems from seeing the way technology engages students, and it is her mission to harness that energy so that those students will one day become the ideators and iterators who change the world!

Eric Cioe

Eric is preparing for his second year at Frenchtown High School, where he teaches English, philosophy, and sometimes moonlights with the jazz band. For him, the most important part about teaching is building one on one bonds with kids, usually at the expense of his prep periods.

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Tara Hirsch

Tara Hirsch is in her fifth year teaching third grade at Hyalite Elementary in Bozeman, MT. She enjoys keeping up on the latest research, participating in Twitter Ed chats, and is currently working on National Board Certification. She has a master's degree in Curriculum & Instruction, and is a proud TLI graduate.

Lindy Hockenbary

Lindy Hockenbary is the founder, trainer, and digital learning coach at InTECHgrated Professional Development. Lindy is a business and FACS teacher who began working as a curriculum developer/trainer and found a passion in training and technology integration. She currently teaches face-to-face, video-conference, and online trainings for teachers across the country but is based in Bozeman, MT. Lindy's strength and passion is helping teachers utilize technology as a seamless instructional tool for learning. Lindy is a Google for Education Certified Trainer and Educator Level 2, Hapara Certified Educator, Microsoft Innovative Educator Trainer, and a Nearpod PioNear.

Anne Keith

Anne Keith is a National Board Certified teacher and the 2010 Montana Teacher of the Year. She works as an instructional coach and educator for the Bozeman School District and previously taught middle school math and communication arts. Anne is a facilitator with Montana's Teacher Leadership Initiative. In 2014, she attended the national ECET2 in Utah. She found it so inspiring that she wrote and received a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to hold the first-ever ECET2-Montana the same year.

Gia LaForge

Gia LaForge has 8 years of experience in education. She has a master's degree in differentiation, is National Board Certified, and was a state finalist for the Presidential Award for Math and Science. She currently teaches first grade at Hyalite Elementary in Bozeman, MT.

Elizabeth Matthews

Elizabeth Matthews has taught for the past ten years at Gallatin Gateway School just outside Bozeman. She has a passion and desire to share her love for science and mathematics with students and teachers.

She won the Presidential Award of Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching for 2012, and now serves as the State Coordinator for the Presidential Award of Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching for Montana as well as the President of the Montana State Association of Presidential Awardees.

She is a proud graduate of the Teacher Leadership Initiative. She recently spent time in Washington D.C. participating in the NEA's Center for Great Public Schools Academy where she assisted in the development of resources for ESSA.

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Christine O'Shea

Christine O'Shea is a Nationally Board Certified Teacher. She serves as a First Grade Teacher at Hyalite Elementary School in Bozeman and is an instructor through MSU Billings Extended University Campus, teaching Best Practices in Science. She has over 10 years of teaching experience and has participated in various math and science professional development grants over the years involving lesson study, best practices and curriculum development.

Deb Persons

Deb Persons has over 36 years of experience in education. She has a master's degree in reading and was a runner up for Montana Teacher of the Year. She currently teaches intervention at Hyalite Elementary in Bozeman, MT.

Erica Schnee

Erica Schnee is a National Board Certified Social Studies teacher at Bozeman High School. She is a member of Sandra Day O'Connor's iCivics Teachers Council where she serves as chair of the Communications Committee. Erica is currently Vice Principal of Bozeman High.

Nikki Vradenburg

Nikki Vradenburg @NVradenburg teaches Kindergarten and First Grade students at LaMotte School, in a 1:1 iPad classroom at a rural school in Bozeman, MT. She has been a classroom teacher since 2001. Nikki is a National Board Certified teacher with a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. She is a 2014 PBS Digital Innovator and a BrainPOP Certified Educator. Nikki serves on the board for the Montana Association for Gifted and Talented Education, AGATE, as the technology chair and webmaster. She delivers professional development to teachers all over the state of Montana and has presented at national conferences including NCEE in Seattle and ISTE in Denver in 2016.



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