Teacher Leadership UNCONFERENCE

Understanding Un-Conference

Traditional/Conventional Conference

- Familiar format
- Pre-arranged place and time
- Common theme
- Often Keynote and Closing Speakers
- Pre-determined sessions and speakers
- PowerPoint and Keynote presentation
- Sometimes includes discussion

Un-Conference

- Shift in format
- Pre-arranged place and time
- Participant-Driven
  - Participants' Theme of Choice
  - Can have Keynote and/or Closing Speakers
  - Participant created sessions
  - Participants as facilitators
  - Discussion/Share-Based Participants flow freely between sessions, during sessions, according to interests –

Rule of Two Feet

The UnGuide

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HOW IT WORKS:

★ **Discussion Based**
- o Power is its participants
- o *Not* just expertise, but experience
- o Participants come Ready with Questions and Ready to Share

★ **Content by Attendees**
- o Topics come from interests/needs of participants
- o Sessions Built From Popular Topics
- o Unconference Organizers will group like topics
- o Topics with most interest will be arranged as a schedule on the Session Board

★ **Sessions Facilitated by Participants**
- o Facilitators are NOT Presenters
  - ▪ Lead introductions (name, position, interest in this topic); all share
  - ▪ Open with question on topic for discussion
  - ▪ Keep discussion going (ask more questions as necessary)
  - ▪ Share Take-Home Resource, Links, or Materials

Participants "Vote With Their Feet"

- o The "Rule of Two Feet"
  - ▪ Participants are free to come and go from sessions as desired
    - ● If not connecting to current discussion session
    - ● If more interested in another, based on its message feeds

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