



Welcome to NASC EdCamp 2016!

October 19, 2016

Administrator Newsletter

What is an EdCamp?

Each Edcamp is independently organized and hosted, is free to participants, and brings together passionate educators for a day of learning and growth. **The conferences are participant-driven with the sessions developed and facilitated by the teachers.**

By adopting the un-conference protocol, Edcamps provide access to high quality, personalized professional learning for all educators. Embracing the belief that fellow educators can be some of the most valuable professional development resources for their colleagues

To prepare your staff to get the most out of this experience, please watch the following video **with your staff** prior to NASC EdCamp 2016: [video about Edcamp](#). This is another good video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7DwCI7j0Bg>. If possible, it is also helpful to run an unconference of your own.

Coming soon: Look for an email with a Google Form for your staff to complete for registration and idea sharing prior to the event. We will share this with building

administrators and ask that you share it with your staff. Please have them fill it out by the registration deadline of October 5.

Schedule for the Day:

8:00- 8:45 Arrival and Coffee/Session Building in cafeteria. Sign in at your building table.

8:45 Session Kick-start

9:00 Session 1

9:45 Break

10:00 Session 2

10:45 Break

11:00 Session 3

11:45 Lunch on your own/travel time

*Remainder of day: Implementation Time/smackdown/padlet session with own school.

Principals need to communicate with your staff your expectations on their arrival time due to the various contract times at the different districts. We do not want everyone arriving at 8:30 as the session building will go more smoothly if people arrive in shifts.

*What if staff wants to continue to collaborate in the afternoon: Discuss with your superintendent how you would handle this. Is it ok if they stay the afternoon and work with other teachers? How would they communicate with you what they are doing? Are you ok with this or do you feel they need to return to your district for accountability?

Smackdown? What's a smackdown?

Some Edcamps have a Smackdown at the end. It's a fast-paced opportunity for sharing. People volunteer to share a tech tool, teaching tip, book recommendation, or anything else they'd like to share with the group about dynamic teaching and learning. You come to the front of the room, give a quick 1-2 minute pitch, share any pertinent information (URL's, titles, etc), and then it is added to a shared document that you can reference later. You'll leave with a ton of information and great tips!

Twitter: We are encouraging staff to use the Twitter hashtag from our January 2016 MLK inservice. We will include the hashtag #nascmn16 on our communications.

Planning Meeting: Our next planning meeting will be on Thursday, October 7 at 12:30 at The Warming House in Cloquet. Feel free to join us if you are interested.