

Chester School District
Sustainability Professional Development

Class Name: Success in STEM

Date: October 5, 2017

Length: 6 hours

Provider: Rutgers New Brunswick; New Jersey School Development Council

Description: Attending the workshop will provide educators with spatial reasoning activities using concrete, hands-on materials, as well as virtual manipulatives – with computers and tablets. This workshop is aimed towards teaching in the lower grades – K-2. The workshop will aid in the development of STEM education lessons and curriculum.

Staff in Attendance: Melissa Fair, Dickerson Principal; Robin Matelsky, Dickerson Gifted and Talented Teacher; Melissa Tonnessen, Dickerson Second Grade Teacher

Class Name: Restorative Practice Training

Date: January 17-18, 2018

Length: 11 hours (8:30 am - 3:00 pm each day)

Provider: The Center for Prevention and Counseling

Description: To create positive relationship with all students, have students take responsibility for their actions, and to change the culture and climate of the schools. Inclusive and Special Education is one of the central focuses of this workshop.

Staff in Attendance: Jeanette Krone, Director of Special Education; Michele Stanton, Bragg Principal

Class Name: Future Ready Schools – New Jersey Regional Certification Summit, Newark NJ

Date: February 22, 2018

Length: 6 hours (8:00 am – 4:15 pm with 1 hour and 45 minute breaks)

Provider: Future Ready Schools

Description: A certification program designed to promote digital learning readiness in schools throughout New Jersey by providing guidance, support, direction, and resources to schools and district. This program allows schools to promote the skills, abilities, and capacities essential in success in college, career, and citizenship in the digital age. The workshop allows for schools to learn about the new certification process, hear from certified schools and their students, walk-through of the process of your Future-Readiness teams, and network, learn from, and collaborate with other innovative and dedicated

leaders and educators. Attendees will learn how to make their school technologically ready and to prepare students for learning and living in the digital age.

Staff in Attendance: Francesca Ragonese, Bragg Technology Teacher and Instructional Coach; Laura Garrison, BRMS Technology Teacher

Class Name: NJ Clean Energy Program

Date: June 8, 2017

Class Length: 1 hour

Course Provider: New Jersey Association of School Business Officials

Course Description: Instruction in understanding the statewide program, how the program can offer savings and benefits to school districts, and what the environmental benefits are of the program.

Staff in Attendance: Melissa Simmons, Chester School District Business Administrator

Class Name: Environmentally Preferable Procurement

Date: June 8, 2017

Class Length: 1 hour

Course Provider: New Jersey Association of School Business Officials

Course Description: Instruction provided in how to make procurement environmentally friendly and how to apply this learning to the school district.

Staff in Attendance: Melissa Simmons, Chester School District Business Administrator

Class Name: Green Purchasing and Management Policy Development - Implementation

Date: June 9, 2016

Class Length: 1 hour

Course Provider: New Jersey Association of School Business Officials

Course Description: Instruction in how to create both Green Purchasing and Green Management Policies. Understanding how to implement them into the school district.

Staff in Attendance: Melissa Simmons, Chester School District Business Administrator

Class Name: Green Purchasing - Sustainable Practices in New Jersey

Date: June 9, 2016

Class Length: 1 hour

Course Provider: New Jersey Association of School Business Officials

Course Description: Instruction in how purchasing can be made greener as per the practices available in the state of New Jersey.

Staff in Attendance: Melissa Simmons, Chester District Business Administrator

Class Name: Morris County Environmental Excellence Awards

Date: June 15, 2018

Length: 2 hours

Provider: Morris County Municipal Utilities Agency

Description: The MCMUA held an awards ceremony to honor some of the county's most inventive and hard working recyclers. At the ceremony, one of the students of Bragg Elementary School was honored for her winning "Slam Dunk the Junk" poster which is now featured on recycling bins in the school. During the ceremony, other recycling projects were featured which allowed for attendees to garner new ideas about what can be done with recycled materials and ways to promote recycling, some of which as easily be transferred into the classroom.

Staff in Attendance: Melissa Bene, Bragg Special Education Teacher, Bragg Environmental Club Advisor; Lisa Pennella, Bragg 5th Grade Teacher, Bragg Environmental Club Advisor

Class Name: 2018 NJECC Annual Technology Conference

Date: January 9, 2018

Length: 5 hours

Provider: New Jersey Educational Computing Cooperative

Description: The NJECC Annual Technology Conference offers a variety of professional development workshops throughout the day. These workshops span over the entire curriculum and focus on

implementing technology into the school day. Workshops topic include, but are not limited to, iSTEM implementation, makerspaces, Google for Education, and going paperless.

Staff in Attendance: Jeanette Aaronson, Laura Garrison, Patricia Pohan

Class Name: Elementary PE Jam

Date: March 23, 2018

Length: 4 hours (Two 2 hour sessions)

Provider: Chester School District - Instructors are Ronald Fazekas and Russell Schilp

Description: The PE Jam will be used to bring together leaders in the field of Elementary Physical Education (K-5) to deliver age/grade-appropriate lessons directly related to the standards and curriculums set forth at both the state and national levels. These lessons will be utilized to tap into everyone's knowledge of best practices and display to one another new and innovative ideas.

Staff in Attendance: Ronald Fazkas, Dickerson Physical Education Teacher; Russell Schilp, Bragg Physical Education Teacher

Class Name: Next Generation Science Standards

Date: May 4, 2017

Length: 5 hours

Provider: Rutgers University

Description: Instruction provided in this workshop will aid in implementing the Next Generation Science Standards into classroom lessons.

Staff in Attendance: Kelly Tompkins, Bragg iSTEM Teacher