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SLN Presents to RYHT



Standing with seated colleague **Janet Mansmann** is **Thomasine Chambers**, a **School Leaders Network (SLN)** member who attended the Harvard Principals Center Summer Session. **Raise Your Hand Texas (RYHT)** hosted the 2010 Harvard Leadership Reunion at the Omni La Mansion del Rio in San Antonio January 28 and 29. In attendance were many principals from all sections of Texas whom RYHT had sponsored to attend the Harvard summer sessions. **Elizabeth Neale**, SLN Executive Director, was invited to present a program about SLN on January 29. She talked about vision and purpose of the program, and **Ann Berg**, TPC Director, along with 17 local SLN participants who had attended Harvard sessions, facilitated small group sessions in order that each participant could experience a session designed to discuss a problem of practice related to raising student achievement.

Leading with the Heart

*The Whole Child, The Whole Principal:
Leading with the Heart*

This is the motto of the Trinity Principals' Center whose purpose is to provide a structure for inter-district support and professional development for area principals, assistant principals and other school leaders. **Join us today! Call 210.999.7178.**

Assistant Principals Meet

The Assistant Principals' Cohort met in the Trinity Fiesta Room on January 14. **David Gibbs** led discussion regarding applying material presented by the Dufours in their December 10 presentation on building Professional Learning Communities. A visit to Clark High School was planned for Jan.

A panel of principals, **Robert Harris**, Holms High School, **Ashley Chohlis**, Salado Intermediate School, and **Kristina Viddauri**, Judson High School, participated in a lively discussion with the audience on "What I Wish I Had Learned as an Assistant Principal before Becoming a Principal."

SLN Leadership Learning

It is not too early to think about planning your leadership learning activities for next school year. We have had inquiries about joining School Leaders Network cohorts for the school year 2010-2011. Information and applications will be available after the spring break. We anticipate that the cost will remain the same--\$1,000.00 for each participant for the ten monthly sessions. Although all five cohorts are full this school year, we have some newcomers on a waiting list, and hope to open one to three additional groups next year. After spring break, for applications, email ann.berg@trinity.edu.

School Leaders Cohorts

The five School Leaders Network (SLN) San Antonio Cohorts, of 15-18 principals each, meet monthly in the evenings. The SLN research-based training model is a collaborative forum, founded in adult learning theory, that incorporates best practices and includes the instructional rounds approach pioneered by **Dr. Richard Elmore**. Trinity SLN groups meet at Thurmunz Seafood Restaurant monthly to share and study problems of practice.

Cohorts 1 through 4 have been meeting monthly for more than a year and are currently working in Phase 2. Participants will visit one network principal's school to look at a shared Problem of Practice and give feedback. The newest Cohort #5 is in Phase 1 this year developing research and resources to move on to Phase 2 next school year.

On June 1 all San Antonio SLN cohorts meet together at Alamo Café on I-281 to share our year's celebrations and challenges. We in the San Antonio area are ably represented on the national SLN Board by **Cordell Jones**, AHISD Principal and **Steve Bryant**, Director of Human Resources for the Zachary Corp. and ECISD Board Chairman. Learn more about the School Leaders Network, at the web site at www.connectleadsucceed.org/.

SLN Cohort #1, led by Terri **Chidgey**, meets Mondays: Mar.1, Apr. 5, May 3, & Tues., June 1. Feb. 2 visit is to Hatchett ES, NISD.

SLN Cohort #2, led by **Cordell Jones**, meets Wednesdays: Mar. 10, Apr. 14, May 12 & Tues., June 1. Feb. 8 visit is to Somerset JHS.

SLN Cohort #3, led by **Janice Williams**, meets Thursdays: Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 15, May 13 & Tues., June 1 School visit TBA.

SLN Cohort #4, led by **Karen Bessette** & **Lori Gallegos** meets Wednesdays: Feb. 3, March 3, May 5 & Tues., June 1. Apr. visit date to Arlon Seay ES, Comal ISD TBA.

SLN Cohort #5, led by **Ann Berg**, meets on Mondays: Feb. 8, Mar. 8, Apr. 12, May 10 & Tuesday. June 1.

2010 AP Meetings

February

**18 Meet at Clark High School, NISD
"One High School's PLC Journey"
5150 DeZavala Road, SAT 78249
Phone: (210) 397-5150
Principal: Stan Laing
Asst. Principal: Peter McMahon
Time: TBA**

May

**13 8:00-3:00 Trinity's Fiesta Room
Panel on Time Management
Evaluate & Plan**

Planning/Sharing Session

Principal **Melinda Salinas** will host the Spring **TPC: Sharing Session** on **Tuesday, March 9, 9:30-11:30 A.M.** at **Kirby Middle School in JISD, 5441 Seguin Road**, San Antonio, Texas, 78219. Phone number is **(210) 661-1140**.

In addition to learning more about yet another San Antonio area district and school, we will be discussing plans and programs of the Trinity Principals' Center. Bring your ideas and suggestions with you.

The **Steering Committee** will meet prior to the Sharing Session at **9:00 A.M.**

Thanks, TPC Steering Group!

Karen Bessette, Randolph-Field ISD; **Thomasine Chambers**, SAISD; **Terri Chidgey**, NEISD; **Deonna Dean**, NISD; **Lori Gallegos**, NISD; **Jeff Goldhorn**, ESC-20; **Allana Hemenway**, Randolph-Field ISD; **Cordell Jones**, AHISD; **Linda Nance**, SAISD; **Gretchen Ricker**, Retired Principal; and **Janice Williams**, ECISD. If you wish to join the planning group you are most welcome. Email ann.berg@trinity.edu.