



2009-10 TPC NEWS



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Richard and Becky DuFour



Join us December 10 when **Rick** (above) and **Becky DuFour** (below) will join us at Trinity to discuss Professional Learning Communities (PLC's). Reserve a seat for yourself and other members of your school leadership team by Dec. 3 by calling 210. 999.7178 or emailing ann.berg@trinity.edu .

December 10 Schedule

9:00-9:30 a.m. Networking and Refreshments

9:30-10:30 a.m. Ruth Taylor Recital Hall
"Building a Professional Learning Community"

2:00-4:00 p.m. Fiesta Room
"Growing the Collaborative Culture of the PLC"



Who Are They?

Dr. Rick DuFour was a public school educator for 34 years, serving as a teacher, principal and superintendent. He was principal of Adlai Stevenson High School in Illinois from 1983 to 1991 and superintendent of the district from 1991 to 2002. During his tenure, Stevenson became what the USDE described as "the most recognized and celebrated school in America." It is one of three schools in the nation to win the USDE Blue Ribbon Award on four occasions, and one of the first comprehensive schools designated a New America High School by USDE as a model of successful school reform.

Ms. Becky DuFour has served as a teacher, principal and central office coordinator. As a former elementary principal, Becky helped her school earn state and national recognition as a model Professional Learning Community. Both Rick and Becky have written numerous publications and consulted with professional organizations, school districts, universities and state departments of education throughout North America.

We welcome them to Trinity University.

Assistant Principals Meet

The Assistant Principals Cohort will meet at Randolph Field for their **Wednesday, November 4** meeting. We will meet at the Community Center across from Randolph Field Elementary School at 9:00 to start the session. Later in the morning we will visit the Randolph Elementary site where staff will share their journey toward becoming a Professional Learning Community. We will eat at the Officers Club, then move on to the secondary school where staff there will talk to us about their PLC journey. Cohort members should **RSVP to Ann Berg** by November 1.

School Leaders Cohorts

The School Leaders Network (SLN) San Antonio Cohorts meet monthly in the evening. 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. All five SLN Cohorts meet at the Water Street Oyster Bar from 5:00-8:00 P.M. All cohorts meet together for their final session June 1 at the Alamo Café on I-281.

SLN Cohort #1, led by Terri Chidgey, meets Mondays: Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 2 (Tuesday), Mar. 1, Apr. 5, May 3, & Tuesday, June 1.

SLN Cohort #2, led by Cordell Jones, meets Tuesdays first semester/Wednesdays second semester: Nov. 3, Dec. 8, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 14, May 12 & Tuesday, June 1.

SLN Cohort #3, led by Janice Williams, meets Thursdays: Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 15, May 13 & Tuesday, June 1.

SLN Cohort #4, led by Karen Bessette & Lori Gallegos meets Wednesdays: Nov. 4, Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 3, Apr. 7, May 5 & Tuesday, June 1.

SLN Cohort #5, led by Ann Berg, meets on Mondays: Nov. 9, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 1, Mar. 8, Apr. 12, May 10 & Tuesday, June 1.

Oct. 25-28 NDP Conference

It is not too late to attend the San Antonio hosted national Dropout Prevention Conference held at the Crown Plaza Riverwalk Hotel October 25-28. You can find the complete conference program and directions for registration at the web site: www.dropoutprevention.org.

We want to thank all the many Trinity Principals Center leaders who are contributing to the conference success through presentations, invitations for school visits, help with conference programs and other logistics.

Nov. Dates to Remember

2	5-8 pm	SLN #1	Water Street
3	5-8 pm	SLN #2	Water Street
4	5-8 pm	SLN #4	Water Street
4	9am-3pm	AP Cohort	Randolph Field ISD
5	5-8 pm	SLN #3	Water Street
9	5-8 pm	SLN #5	Water Street
10	9:30-11:30	Share & Plan	Bob Hope Elem.

Invitation to Plan & Share

Angelica Romero, Principal of Bob Hope Elementary School in Southwest ISD, invites us to a TPC school leadership sharing session on Tues., Nov. 10, from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. **The Trinity Principals Center Steering Committee will meet at 9:00 for half an hour to evaluate 2009-2010 programs and talk about "next steps."**

Note that the campus address is: **11303 Tilson Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78224.** School phone is: **210.927-8180.** Email Angelica at aromero@swisd.net if questions.

Thanks, TPC Steering Group!

Karen Bessette, Randolph-Field ISD; **Thomasine Chambers**, SAISD; **Terri Chidgey**, NEISD; **Deonna Dean**, NISD; **Patty Escobedo**, SWISD; **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 serve on the 2009-2010 TPC Steering Committee, please volunteer by calling 210.999.7178 or email to ann.berg@trinity.edu.