



Conferences and Workshops attended by Think Tank members

Think Tank members have kept their commitment to share what they learn with the group as a whole. In this way, the group was able to maximize the value of these learning opportunities.

Title	Featured speaker or topic	Date	Number of participants
Introduction of Powerful Learning Practices	Will Richardson/Midwest Principals Association	Spring 2010	7
Participation in Powerful Learning Practices (PLP)	PLP Dallas/Dublin Cohort	2010-2011 School Year	12
21 st Century Learning Conference	Workshop for educational community on 21 st Century Learning Concepts and Skills	October 14, 2011	12
American Education in the Age of Globalization, Catching Up or Leading the Way	Yong Zhao Professor at the College of Education, Michigan State University	April 12, 2011	13
STEM Overview and Resources	Workshop on What is STEM and what role does it play in College, Career and Life Readiness. Claudia Geocaris, STEM Consultant ROE Sydney Schuler, Middle School STEM teacher	November 1, 2011	6
Learning and the Brain, Preparing 21 st Century Minds	Conference discussing latest brain research and the impact on education as well the influence of the research on 21 st century learning	November 17 – 18, 2011	2
An Evening with Yong Zhao	Yong Zhao Professor at the College of Education, Michigan State University	December 7, 2011	9
Importance of Innovation/Creativity	Mike Maddock, Author and D41 parent	December 14, 2011	All Think Tank Members
Visit to Middle School STEM Lab in LaGrange	Visited Sydney Schuler's STEM lab	January, 2012	8
21 st Century Skills and Problem Based Learning	Jim Bellanca Author and Director of the Illinois Consortium for 21 st Century Skills	January 11, 2012	All Think Tank Members
Finland Phenomenon	Viewed and discussed video	January 25, 2012	All Think Tank Members
Trends, Tactics and Tools for 21 st Century Learning	Kevin Honeycutt Technology Integration Specialist	February 2, 2012	9

Reading, Writing and the Common Core	Mary Ehrenworth	February 14, 2012	3
Everyday STEM in Every Classroom	Saint Xavier University	April 18, 2012	2
Advancing Differentiation; Critical Thinking & Learning for the 21 st Century	Richard Cash Author and Curriculum Specialist	April 30, 2012	8
Importance of STEM	Patricia Sievert NIU STEM Outreach Coordinator	June 12, 2012	All Think Tank Members
Project Based Learning Training	Jim Bellanca Author and Director of the Illinois Consortium for 21 st Century Skills	July 16 – July 19, 2012	60 Teachers
Importance of Innovation/Creativity	Mike Maddock, Author and D41 parent	August 20, 2012	All D41 teachers and administrators

In addition - Professional Learning Communities Conferences – building attendance each August