

Agenda April 15

Note: All sessions are aligned with the eight guiding principles of those serving central office functions. The guiding principle is found in parentheses after each presenter's name.

8:00 -8:30	Enjoy coffee, juice, and pastries	Hilton Garden Inn Conference Center
Strand 3: Managing Technical Aspects of System Change: What aspects of change will I need to consider as we implement the Iowa Core?		
8:30 – 10:15	<p>“Managing the Transition, Not the Change,” Dr. Susan Pecinovsky, Ames (Leaders of Change) Room 1</p> <p>It is the transition through change that is so difficult for everyone, not the change itself. The results we seek will require that people stop doing things the old way and start doing things a new way. This session will provide an overview of the change process, a transition model for your consideration and the leadership actions necessary to manage the transitions. We have no other options! If we are going to continue to move forward, we need a common language for these conversations.</p>	
10:15 –10:30	Break	
10:30 –11:45	<p>“Road to Balanced Leadership,” Marcia Tweeten, Forest City, AEA 267 (Leaders of Change and Relationships) Room 2</p> <p>The leadership of a school can increase or decrease its chances of academic success. What are the skills necessary to improve student achievement? This session will give an overview of the research based on twenty-one leadership responsibilities.</p>	
<p><i>Break-out sessions relating to the essential question. Choose the one that best fits your needs</i></p>	<p>“Monitoring Implementation Through Walk-Throughs,” Dr. Paul Gausman, Dr. Linda Madison, John Beeck, Sioux City (Leaders of Changes, Processes and Performance) Room 3</p> <p>This presentation will describe how the Sioux City Community School District created and implemented its own customized walk-through format using eWalk. Each school administrator completes a required number of walk-throughs each month, reports are generated, and the information is used to improve instruction across the district.</p>	
	<p>“Continued Conversations with Dr. Susan Pecinovsky,” (Leaders of Change) Room 1</p> <p>This session with Susan Pecinovsky will be a continuation of the earlier session and will allow participants to explore more deeply into strategies to monitor the change process.</p>	
	<p>Luncheon Speaker: Kevin Fangman , Iowa Department of Education (Leaders of Change) Room 4</p> <p>Kevin Fangman, Administrator of the Division of PreK-12 Education for the Iowa Department of Education, will present his vision of the changes that will be required for 21st century schools and the leadership skills that will be necessary to ensure change. Kevin will discuss the Iowa Core Curriculum and statewide progress toward implementation.</p>	
11:45 –12:30 Lunch		
Strand 4 : Implementing Quality Professional Development: How will I design professional development to implement change?		
12:30 – 2:15	<p>“Designing Professional Development for the 21st Century” Dr. Ann Mausbach, Dr. Dee Engstrom, Council Bluffs (Leaders of Professional Development and Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment) Room 1</p> <p>In this session, Ann and Dee will share their journey in designing professional development for the 21st century around a broad framework that aligns all school improvement processes. The process begins with a solid curriculum revision process and involves working deeply with principals on processes to align data, their school improvement plan, professional development, and supervision so all aspects are working towards a focused goal of improvement.</p>	
2:15 – 2:30	Break	
2:30 – 3:45	<p>“Planning for Purposeful Change Through Program Evaluation” Jason Ellingson, Collins-Maxwell (Leaders of Performance and Professional Development) Room 2</p> <p>You have your programs in place, but how do you know they are making a difference for student learning? This session will focus on the processes and tools necessary to dig into the work of evaluation, including the Theory of Change, KASAB, Logic Model, and the Evaluation Framework with suggestions for implementing at the district and building levels.</p>	
<p><i>Break-out sessions relating to the essential question. Choose the one that best fits your needs</i></p>	<p>“Implementing Professional Learning Communities” Becky Martin, Cedar Rapids (Leaders of Professional Development) Room 3</p> <p>Becky Martin, Continuous Improvement Facilitator for the Cedar Rapids Community School District, will describe the ongoing journey of the district in implementing Professional Learning Communities. Becky will discuss the district's alignment of professional learning communities from the district, building and classroom perspective."</p>	
	<p>“Continued conversations with Dr. Ann Mausbach and Dr. Dee Engstrom” (Leaders of Professional Development and Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment) Room 1</p> <p>This session will be a continuation of the earlier session and will give participant s an opportunity to delve more deeply into the processes that have been used by the Council Bluffs school district to align professional development with 21st century learning skills.</p>	
3:45 – 4:00	<p>“Culminating Ceremony” Room 1</p> <p>Please join us as we honor those participants who have attended the Academy for three years.</p>	