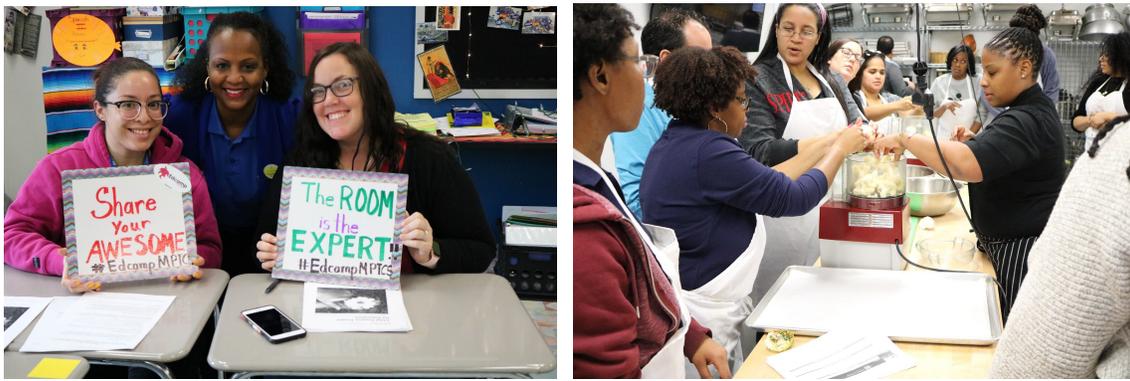




EDCAMPMPTCS: A DAY OF INVIGORATING PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS DELIVERED BY STAFF FOR STAFF



EdCampMPTCS: Staff participate in Pedagogy session and Healthy Cooking for Busy Educator workshop

(Newark, NJ - February 22, 2019) - MPTCS gave its staff a voice and choice during EdCampMPTCS, a day of impactful professional and personal development sessions led by staff for staff. Based on the popular EdCamp model, a participant-driven professional development conference for K-12 educators commonly referred to as the “unconference conference.” This innovative event features sessions designed by educators, led by educators for educators.

EdCampMPTCS was spearheaded by Dr. Melinda B. Johnson, MPTCS’ Director of Teacher and Scholar Effectiveness, “In response to the positive impact and feedback from our teachers who attended an Edcamp Newark event, we knew we had to join the Edcamp movement,” said Dr. Johnson. “EdcampMPTCS was unique because it was hosted internally by our Academic Leadership Team and embedded into our professional learning schedule,” added Dr. Johnson.

A wide-range of topics were discussed at EdCampMPTCS, including: classroom management, intervention vs consequences, arts integration, adverse childhood experiences, gender-based teaching strategies, dyslexia strategies, healthy cooking options for busy educators, de-stress yoga classes, engaging families, organizational tips for office managers and so much more. The feedback about EdCampMPTCS was astounding; post-surveys were filled with positive remarks, such as:

"I enjoyed the energy of the facilitators and participants at EdcampMPTCS. It was valuable to gain knowledge from fellow colleagues in the village. Moreover, I welcomed the opportunity to grow in the domain of professional development by being invited to lead an EdcampMPTCS session."

"I was satisfied with my experience at each session. It was a great way to connect with other MPTCS staff members and each facilitator opened the floor for us to share our experiences and suggestions."

"It was great to learn from each other, have the freedom of choice of sessions, and the choice to leave the session without judgment to experience another session." #TheRuleOfTwoFeet

"The best PD we ever had. Can we have more like it!"

“EdcampMPTCS reignited our villagewide passion for educating our Scholars. It was truly electrifying to witness the depth of educational experience in our village,” concluded Dr. Johnson.