RON CLARK ACADEMY Summary: PLC meeting 2/22/12

Background:

5 teachers from ML attended the RCA in Atlanta, Ge. Feb. 2, 3

Karen Carlson, Zach Johnson, Mary McLauglin, Jean Braun and Michele McDonald

Ron Clark Academy is a private school in Atlanta serving about 110 students in

Grades 5th thru 8th.

The school was created by experienced teachers: Ron Clark and Kim Bearden

The philosophy of the school is to hold high expectations all ALL students, while

Incorporating fun, music, arts, celebrating, teamwork, community.

The website for more info is: RonClarkAcademy.com

Points of Interest:

1. Celebrate big and small accomplishments (celebrations can be brief and non

Disruptive)

1. Using drums for celebrating ( especially for active, unfocused students)
2. Sense of Urgency to learn and complete tasks
3. Incredible energy of the teachers! Fill each other up!
4. Team/Community to build in support and belonging ( we do this at ML already!)
5. Smile and use FUN in teaching to engage students! (ie the classroom transformed

Into an emergency room with dr. names, masks, sounds, dissecting a person with

Sentence strips)