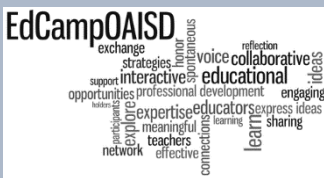


# TECH TIDBITS

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## EdCAMP OAISD



Once again, the OAISD extended an invitation to Tech Team members to attend EdCAMP. EdCAMP is often described as an “un-conference.” Unlike a typical conference, where sessions are planned in advance, attendees are invited to present on-the-spot on topics they are knowledgeable about or to suggest a session on a topic they'd like to learn more about. We learned LOTS about personalized learning and genius hour. Check out this cool video that highlights the power of Genius Hour:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=falFNkdq96U>

## MiGoogle

Earlier this year, Tech Team members Sara Erxleben and Abby Visser attended the Michigan Google Education Summit in Fenton, MI. There, they learned about the unique application of Google tools in the classroom – from Chromebooks to Google Drive, Blogger, Maps, and more! Send them an email for more information!

## MACUL (Detroit, MI • March 2017)

Current Tech Team members Mikayla Freyling, Ruth Reeve, and Sara Erxleben, along with former Tech Team members Kate Webb (Bauer) and Rachel Lundstrum, traveled to Detroit in March to present at the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) Conference. They were joined by Tony Donk and Susan Cherup, as well as a few other Hope students and alumni. Mikayla, Ruth, and Kate presented on the benefits of technology teams at the high school and college levels. Sara and Rachel led a session on Google Apps for Education (GAPE, now called GSuite). Tony Donk presented "Rock, Paper, Scissors, and iPads: Helping Kindergartners Write and Publish Using Digital Tools" with



Zac Adams, Hope grad and teacher in Zeeland, and Hope senior, Allix Hutchinson. The conference Keynote Speakers, Sir Ken Robinson and Jane McGonigal, were outstanding. While Sir Ken talked about the issues facing education today, Jane McGonigal talked about how Pokémon Go! can be incorporated into classrooms! Ask a MACUL presenter or attendee for more details.

## Farewell, Seniors!

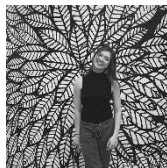
### Mikayla Freyling

Mikayla has served as a Co-Director and the head of the Research Branch. She has coordinated seminars and workshops, and has presented at several as well! Mikayla hopes to teach in West MI. Best of luck!



### Aimee Hoffman

Aimee is our ISTE Expert! She has played a vital role in helping incoming Education students establish Chalk & Wire portfolios. Aimee will be teaching High School English in Colorado Springs this fall.



### Ruth Reeve

Ruth has also been a Co-Director and the head of the ISTE Branch. She has specialized in using free online resources and assessments. Ruth will be teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in Colorado Springs this fall.



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### questions or concerns?

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# Spring Workshop Overview

The Tech Team hosted two walk-throughs as well as two seminar events this semester. Each of the walk-throughs offered a variety of stations to provide a brief overview of different areas of interest within the Education Department as well as the greater education community. These workshops not only inform, but they often instill a sense of confidence in students who have found the idea of implementing technology to be confusing and stressful!



## PBL

Hope Alum and former Tech Team member Jake Verscheuren shared about how he uses project-based learning (PBL) in his high school physics classes. He recommends...

- PhET, ViewedIt, Screencastify
- using entry documents

## GAFE

Current team member Sara E. collaborated with former co-director Rachel Lundstrum to present *Unpacking the GAFE Backpack*. The presentation focused on Google Classroom, Google Drawing and upcoming changes to Google Sites. Check out our website to learn more!

## Walk-Throughs

### Featured Stations:

- Free Online Resources
- MelTeachers/Classkick
- ESL/ELL Resources
- ISTE & Website Building

We had 133 Education students in attendance throughout the semester. Thanks for coming out!

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