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Pre-conference- Managing Communications on School Security and Crisis in a World on Digital Steroids.

- This was a presentation Ken Trump regarding communicating with parents during a security crisis and how social media has impacted the speed with which information is distributed. The discussion focused on how individuals today want information immediately and that it is difficult to manage a situation and provide details simultaneously. Additionally, there was discussion about how to practice emergency drills to practice for various contingencies. We will be discussing this information at upcoming cabinet meetings.

DLR Group Innovation Challenge.

- As the school board is aware we had four DHS students in Nashville participating in an activity sponsored by the DLR Group. I spent the majority of the day observing them and the activity. The session I attempted to attend in the afternoon was canceled.

Keynote Speaker- David Pogue

Project Based Learning In Action- Results From the DLR Group Innovation Challenge.

- During this session I listened to the solutions of the three student groups that participated in the DLR innovation challenge. The DHS students did an excellent job of representing the school district and made an excellent presentation. It was interesting to listen to the explanation of the solutions and how the students collaborated on the final project they presented.

Instructional Coaching Matters: A Plan to Support Teachers to be Their Personal and Professional Best.

- This was a presentation from an Illinois school superintendent regarding instructional coaches. This district is approximately twice as large as Dickinson Public Schools. Their instructional coach model is much broader and more comprehensive than our district. He discussed how they implement the process and how faculty members received the coaching model. A key point he emphasized is that the assessment of students must drive the instruction.