

LATTICE

Linking All Types of Teachers to International Cross-Cultural Education

2009-2010 LATTICE Monthly Session:

December 3rd, 2009 (12:00 – 4:30 pm)

At Haslett High School

Global Competence and Digital Competence

~ Dr. Yong Zhao, MSU University Distinguished Professor

What's Happening in Our Schools and Countries? Global Hip-Hop for Social Justice Project

~ Akesha Horton & Alicia Trotman



Attendance: **55**

- International Participants: 24
- 0-12 Educators: 17
- MSU faculty/staff/students: 5
- Community/Guests: 9



Session Testimonials

Dr. Zhao had many positive things to say. He said, “What LATTICE is doing, we need to do globally.”

“We should define ourselves by humanity and not locally.” How powerful! The ‘us vs. them’ ideology is limiting.

Educators often face lots of problems in terms of resources. We have to stop complaining and do the best we can, using what we have.

I was especially inspired by Akesha’s account of her students using hip-hop to make connections between their Detroit experiences and the world.

I’d like to know more about integrating music into classroom activities (with peace and social justice messages).

I want to try hip-hop with my classroom!

As I start a unit on Japan next week, I’ll look forward to using ‘Tame No Domino’ to focus on a current issue.

I’d like to have discussions with my students, finding similarities as well as differences, reminding them of a ‘global we’ rather than a limited ‘us’ or ‘them’.

I thought today’s session was totally fascinating – the three presentations fit together so well in a session devoted to global citizenship.