

## Professional Development News

Nine teachers from Maries R-I High School attended the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual High School That Works (HSTW) national conference this summer in Nashville, Tennessee. Those attended included teachers; Pat Bresnahan, Angie Combs, Christy Green, Sharon Hawks, Robin Helton, Alesia Lake, Randy Stockstill, Deanna Thompson and site director, Carol Kirk. The conference ran from July 20<sup>th</sup> until July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. The staff development conference theme was, "Creating Learning Opportunities That Make Every Student Extraordinary."

With over 6,000 sessions to choose from, staff members engaged in many educational topics of interest including; engagement of students, new teaching strategies, assessment, national core teaching standards, advisement, relationships & relevancy, reading, technology, double dosing, pathways, bell ringers and overall student improvement.

Many of the staff members have implemented various techniques and lessons gained from the conference. On-going committee work continues in the various areas of improvements for Maries R-I.

Next year's national conference will be July 11 – 14, 2012 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Fees and expenses for conference attendance are paid through the HSTW grant that the district received in 2010.



Pictured from left to right: Patrick Bresnahan, Deana Thompson, Randy Stockstill, Angie Combs, Robin Helton, Sharryn Hawkes, Alesia Lake. Not pictured are Christy Green and Carol Kirk. Attendees meet before attending workshops and discussed what they would be attending.