

# SYLLABUS FORM

**Workshop Title:** (limit to 4 words) The Brian Meldler Show podcast exploration

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## Workshop Description (Proofread carefully. For courses offered to the general public, this will appear on the USF Web Site):

Brian Meldler is committed to changing lives one teacher and student at a time. This course will dive more deeply into 9 episodes from The Brian Meldler Show podcast which focus on understanding student behavior, inspiring teacher excellence, and transforming school culture.

Brian Meldler Biography: "Plagued by severe undiagnosed ADHD and reading difficulties, I began disrupting class in 4th grade. I believed my peers would laugh at me for being "dumb" so I made sure they laughed at me for being "bad" instead. I was defiant, disruptive, relatively unmotivated. By sixth grade my academic skills were so below grade level that I was pulled / kicked out of school. During my senior year, I started gambling. The next five years were a cycle of lying, cheating and stealing to feed my addiction. In 2001 I entered recovery. I am now clean 17 years. Today I am a certified teacher, presenter, and international key note speaker. I have co-authored six books, including the best seller, That One Kid, Tips for Teachers, Power Struggles, Tuning Tough Parents into Strong Partners, and my newest book, Watch Your Mouth."

## Workshop Objectives:

Participants will...

...try out three methods designed to improve concentration and evaluate comprehension when listening to podcasts; including, SketchNotes, MindMaps, and One-Pagers.

...work to understand student behavior, including the importance of modeling as compared to punishing, teaching students to persevere and to overcome, as well as other components for success when working with underperforming students.

...consider topics that inspire teacher excellence, including the two most powerful words and the four most unhelpful words, becoming a champion for all and putting teachers first.

...consider topics that transform school culture such as developing an innovator's mindset and looking for the good.

...define specific goals and action plans to implement changes that positively impact student learning, teaching practices and school communities.

## Evaluation Criteria: (Include brief description of required assignments and evaluation methodology.)

To earn credit for this course, participants will...

ost 3 documents summarizing the selected podcast episodes (1 document for each course focus) on the corresponding class Padlet page ~ 60% of final grade  
\*complete the final exam using Google Forms ~ 40% of the final grade

### Course Introduction: Podcast Explorations

Assignment 0.1 Watch Lindsey & Lori's video introduction to this course on YouTube. This video explains the what, how, and why of a podcast exploration and covers the requirements of the course.

Assignment 0.2 Watch the YouTube video What Is Sketchnoting? This video describes how to make a SketchNote, an option for the required assignments.

Assignment 0.3 Watch the YouTube video Mind Mapping. This video describes how to make a Mind Map, an option for the required assignments.

Assignment 0.4 Watch the YouTube video One-Pager Example. This video describes how to make a One-Pager, an option for the required assignments.

### Course Focus #1: Understanding Student Behavior

Assignment 1.1 Listen to the 2/3/20 episode, Sharing My Calm. Hannah Andahl-Newman, an elementary special education teacher discusses being a calming, loving, understanding teacher when kids lose it and the importance of modeling vs. punishing.

Assignment 1.2 Listen to the 3/9/20 episode, Wishing My Teacher Knew. Middle School Principal Veronica Rodriguez discusses components for success when taking over an underperforming school; plus the shock, at 8 years old, of find out here dad wasn't really her dad.

Assignment 1.3 Listen to the 10/12/20 episode, In The Trenches. Assistant Principal and Author, Emily Paschall, discusses how education is about human connections, overcoming, persevering, and sometimes, it's even about helping kids unbecome what they've learned from negative influences.

Assignment 1.4 Create your own SketchNote, MindMap, or One-Pager that summarize the content of these three episodes in our 1st course focus, Understanding Student Behavior. Post your document on our Padlet Page: Understanding Student Behavior

### Course Focus #2: Inspiring Teacher Excellence

Assignment 2.1 Listen to the 10/14/19 episode I Wanna Change Some Lives. The two most powerful defusing words. Four words you should stop saying. Interview with AP Greg "The Rock" Annoni.

Assignment 2.2 Listen to the 11/25/19 episode My Job Is To Make You Better. From expelled students to Iowa Principal of the Year, Jimmy Casas shares his journey and reminds us what it mean to be a champion for all students.

Assignment 2.3 Listen to the 5/4/20 episode Putting Teachers First. Teacher advocate, Dr. Brad Johnson, discusses why students should no be the number one priority in school, characteristics of great leaders, and what every teacher should be focused on.

Assignment 2.4 Create your own SketchNote, MindMap, or One-Pager that summarize the content of these three episodes in our 2nd course focus, Inspiring Teacher Excellence. Post your document on our Padlet Page: Inspiring Teacher Excellence

### Course Focus #3: Transforming School Culture

Assignment 3.1 Listen to the 9/16/19 episode Transforming A School. Turning around a school, from 19% to 70% in three years. Inequities in education. Interview with Superintendent Dr. Shaun Nelms

Assignment 3.2 Listen to the 1/6/20 episode Innovator's Mindset. George Couros, author of The Innovator's Mindset, discusses the importance of empowering our students and teachers and helping our students find success that is meaningful to them.

Assignment 3.3 Listen to the 9/21/20 episode Looking For Good. Dr. Heather Lyon, Assistant Superintendent, explain the different level of engagement, the power of catching people doing good, and why we need the dreaded state assessments.

Assignment 3.4 Create your own SketchNote, MindMap, or One-Pager that summarize the content of these three episodes in our 3rd course focus, Transforming School Culture. Post your document on our Padlet Page: Transforming School Culture

### Course Conclusion: Essay Exam

Complete 12 essay questions. These essay questions are designed to check for comprehension of the selected episodes' content, as well as to