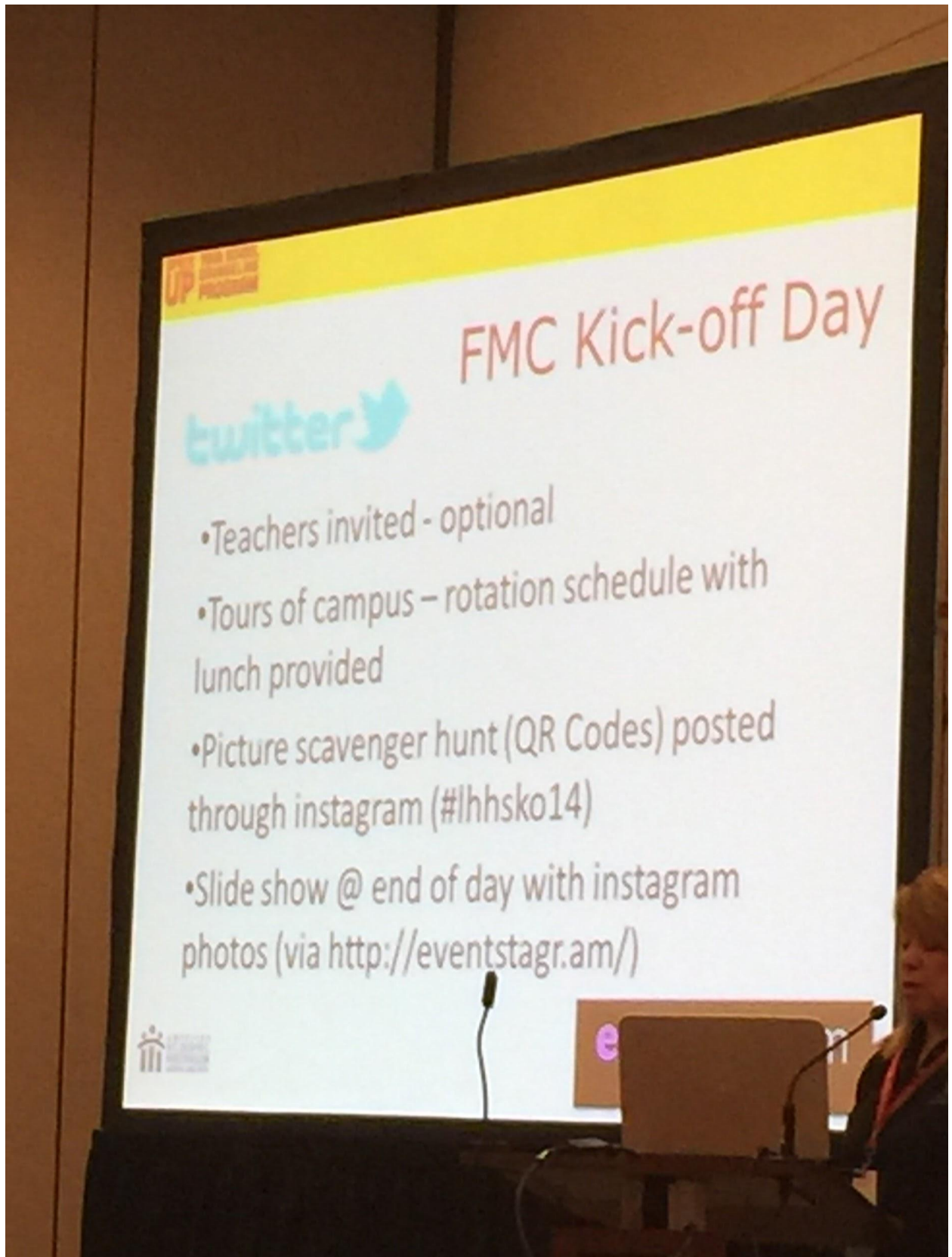


Turning Freshman Problems into Opportunities

All of the handouts are here:

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- Have upperclassmen create a video for you to show to incoming freshman when you go to visit them
- Take seniors with you to present on elective courses for incoming freshman--gives them presentation experience & let's them share something the incoming students need to hear
- Have a parent presentation the same night you meet with the incoming freshman to get a better turn out & answer questions
- New spin on freshman registration--> Freshman Choose Electives
- When 8th graders pick their courses give them the form on white paper & on colored paper. Collect the white & have them take the colored page home to discuss w/ parents. Have parents sign the form so they know they are involved in the process
 - Students can also use the colored form to make changes to their electives
- Peer Mentors
 - Application, contract, t-shirt



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- Advisory is important.

- Split kids by alphabet so they get to know the kids they will be sitting with at graduation
- Teach lessons during Advisory time
- Time needs to be structured, not like a study hall
- Counselors create the lessons, teachers teach the lessons. Counselors stay in the office to field questions from classrooms re: the lessons
- It takes time to get teacher buy in, but it happens.
- Freshman Mentors go into the classes once a month to help w/advisory lesson--sometimes they teach a lesson
- Club Shopping- have freshman shop for the right club for them
- Eventstagram
- Freshman Day of Service (with NHS)
 - 4 hours
 - Free food
- Budget--> NHS and donations