



The Value of Podcast for Administrative Practice

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Background Leading to My Inquiry

- The value of podcasts or administrative practice is to learn leadership strategies, insights from other leaders and practical tips so that I can achieve my goals. I will be keeping a log of podcasts and strategies that will be implemented in my everyday practice.
- The issue that lead to my action research is providing myself opportunities to learn from other educators outside of my school district and surrounding school districts.

The Purpose of My Inquiry

- Therefore, the purpose of my action inquiry was to log the podcasts that I listened to and chart strategies learned from the podcasts and implement in my professional practice.

My Wondering

With this purpose, I wondered if I will have the discipline and time to actively listen to podcasts, chart and implement in my professional practice. I wondered if I would find podcasts that fit my experience in an Urban School.

My Actions

First I used the internet to search for podcast for principals of urban schools.

Next, I narrowed down the search to four choices. The earliest search started in December. This action was stressful because it is a plethora of podcasts to choose from.

Then, I scheduled time to review archived sessions and scheduled time in the week to listen to at least one podcast. This action was difficult to find the time to actively listen to the podcast weekly.

Once I found a podcast of interest, I would listen to the podcast when time permitted.

Finally, I was able to use the knowledge in the podcast to reflect on my own practice, share with the administrative team and implement strategies learned that was applicable to my leadership style.

Data Collection

I choose the Urban Principal Leadership sessions by Bret Anderson. While listening to the podcast I would take notes of information that I felt I could use to improve my leadership. I used a charting system of what I need to do, what I was doing, what I completed and the measurement of success.

My Data

My research consists of quantitative data which was collected for self-growth.

My Discoveries

I discovered that I must never underestimate a challenge and to embrace all challenges despite the obstacles. Have an understanding that an effective leader must always be willing to seek continuous growth. My next discovery is that an effective leader can only be effective by balancing work and personal time. Having good mental and physical health will lead to better decision making while on the job. The final discovery is, it is imperative to reflect on daily practices to take responsibility of one's actions, choices, processes and operations.

Where I Am Heading Next

My action research journey has been challenging but yet informative. The challenges came with being an active listener to podcasts. This journey showed me that I must open my mind to seek professional development, on my own, for my professional growth. I learned to self-reflect and be aware and confident in knowing I can do so much more to improve my leadership disposition.

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Background Leading to this Inquiry

- To gain leadership strategies
- To improve my leadership disposition
- To increase my effectiveness to lead culture, systems and learning





Purpose of this Inquiry

- Accelerate my effectiveness as a school leader
- Chart strategies learned
- Implement strategies learned in my professional practice



My Wondering

I wondered if I will have the discipline and time to actively listen to podcasts, chart and implement in my professional practice. Also, I wondered if I would find podcasts that fit my experiences in an Urban School.



My Actions

- Searched for podcast for principals of urban schools
- Narrowed the searches
- Scheduled time
- Reflected on my own practice



Data Collection



My Data

Out of 4 podcasts that I listened to, I choose the Urban Principal Leadership Session by Bret Anderson Consulting

- December 13, 2021 What makes a leader
- February 7, 2022 Connecting with Students
- February 28, 2022 Teachers at the Door
- March 7, 2022 The Secure Leader
- March 21, 2022 Effective Appraisals
- March 28, 2022 Lessons for Success
- April 4, 2022 Why Restorative Practices

My Data

To Do	Doing	Done	Measurement of Success
Embrace Challenges	Take on challenges with a positive attitude	Everyday is a challenge	The completion of a challenge
Balancing work and personal time	Being in the mindset to set work aside for mental and physical health	Disciplined myself to cut work off at 6:00 p.m.	A healthier mind, body and spirit
Reflecting on daily practices	Keeping a journal	Discussions with other administrators	Gettings higher ratings on principal effectiveness rubric



My Discoveries

- Never underestimate a challenge
- Be willing to continuously grow
- Stay mentally and physically healthy
- Self-Management



Where am I headed Next

- Continue to listen to more Podcasts
- To a new school year with more goals and strategies



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