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Imagine that you notice a large pond that is stagnant and that you are enticed to create some type of movement or change in the water. As you near the edge, you notice the pond is surrounded by numerous stones. You reach down, pick up a stone, and toss it as far out into the center of the pond as your strength allows. While lying beside the pond, the stone had no impact on the water, but once tossed in, it disturbs not only the stillness of the water where it lands but also emanates ripples from its landing place that eventually reach the perimeter of the pond.

An unshared inquiry is like the stone lying beside the pond. Unless that inquiry is tossed into the professional conversation that contributes to the knowledge base for teaching and administration, it has little chance of creating change. However, once tossed in, it disturbs the status quo of educational practices, creating a ripple effect that begins with the team and their immediate vicinity (the teachers and students in the building) and emanates out to a district and a state, eventually reaching and contributing to a transformation at the perimeter of practice — in the education profession itself!

Dr. Nancy Dana (*Leading with Passion and Knowledge*, 644³, pp. 579-136)

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Schedule

<u>Table 1</u> Leigh Barnes, Facilitator

*Management of the District Budget

Ben Mann, Madison-Grant United School Corporation

Met quarterly with district leadership in hopes of improving the overall management of the district budget. Attempting to utilize the meetings to refine the budget building process for future years while building relationships between the Business Office and district leadership.

*Educational Playbook

Greg Mikulich, Griffith Jr/Sr High School

We need to align our educational platform to support students and parents academically. Each teacher had a different expectation and way they posted their daily lessons. With the educational playbook, we not only set the expectations for staff and students but had some great conversations on 'why' and 'how' to do our job better to support our students.

Table 2 Jack Birmingham, Facilitator

*Praise in Action

Greg Butler, Hawthorne Elementary **Team Members:** Chelsi Downard & Carolyn Dupree

Praises and celebration are great. What makes them better? Know how people enjoy their praises and celebrations

*Making Connections

Allison Allen-Lenzo Frank O' Bannon Elementary Team Members: Ada Guadiana & Melissa Rhodes

We are wondering if starting staff meetings with team building/ self-care activities will allow for better communication and connections between staff members.

<u>Table 3</u> Brian Disney, Facilitator

*Welcome to the Family

Doyle Dunshee, Lebanon Middle School **Team Members:** Leah Cavanagh & Kathy Dunshee

Lebanon Middle School rarely has turnover in staff, but this year we had 11 new teachers (approximately 20% of our teaching staff). Our project centered around monitoring growth and success of our first year teachers by infusing them into the LMS family. We also worked with them to make that connected feeling part of their classroom culture.

*Don't Talk the Talk if you Can't Walk the Walk

LaFonda Morris, Clifford Pierce Middle School Team Members: Renee Sabinas & Patrice Weil

Our team was interested in seeing if we focused on the mindset of the staff would it change the culture and climate of the building. Our project encompassed 8 surveys that became more and more interesting as the weeks went on. We not only learned who people were but we also learned who people were not.

<u>Table 4</u> Brian Hagan, Facilitator

*A Look Into PBIS

Sue Soler, Central Elementary School Team Members: Sidney Hawkins & Vanessa Hand

Social-emotional learning and positive behavior strategies are becoming more mainstream in school districts around the country. And for good reason. Let's look to a framework that prioritizes support over punishment, while also encouraging personal accountability. This support framework is called PBIS. So what is PBIS? Let's jump in.

*Stop, Collaborate and LISTEN

Tim Wickard, Stout Field Elementary Team Members: Kara Mabus & Heather Schulz

Our team sought out to intentionally listen, gather feedback and respond to student voice. Our project reflects the power of involving students in decision making at our school and how it can enhance school initiatives and opportunities.

<u>Table 5</u> Shane Killinger, Facilitator

*Building our PLC Foundation

Sam Marshall, Jackson Elementary School Team Members: Samantha Furto & Stacy Vesling

We have been working to build the foundations of our building's Professional Learning Community (PLC) to increase our building's capacity for improving student achievement. Progress has been made in establishing a shared mission statement, vision statement, and collective commitments.

*How does using a Teamwork Rubric improve our PLCs at Harding ES?

Raymond Liskey, Harding Elementary School Team Members: Rina Horgan & Samantha Thomas

We began introducing a teamwork rubric this year when working in grade level PLCs. Our goal was to improve the communication, interpersonal engagement, group decisions & planning, roles & distribution, and establishing goals within each group.

<u>Table 6</u> Ryan Langferman, Facilitator

*Changing Professional Developing for the Better

Stephen Walter Jr., Heritage Elementary School Team Members: Alex Lovell & Emily Hissong

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Our team reviewed our previous professional development practices which we felt lacked fidelity. We implemented a new schedule and professional development format for the 2021 -2022 school year. Our staff was surveyed and our team analyzed those results to determine the effectiveness of these changes.

*Defeating the Silo Effect: An MTSS Approach

Amy Yoos, Edison Elementary Team Members: Tammy Nestich & Cheryl Jones

Within our building, we identified a need to break down the siloed approach to servicing our students. While great things were occurring with our EL subgroup, our special ed subgroup, and Tier 1 in the classroom; these areas were not working in conjunction with one another. In order to better support the unique needs of all our students, our AR focused on improving MTSS in order to bring those groups together to better support all students.

<u>Table 7</u> Adam McDaniel, Facilitator

*Teachers Setting Goals Using Student Data

Alison Petralia, John Wood Elementary Team Members: Sarah Pace & Peggy Mahy

Writing a goal down makes it a little more official. This year, we challenged all of our teachers to do exactly that: look at their student data and write down a goal. From there, we came up with a plan to achieve it.

*Will the implementation of before school tutoring and progress monitoring of our school SMART goal increase our ILEARN scores in computation?

Elaina Miller, Cooks Corners Elementary Team Members: Nicole Winters & Erin Staal

As a staff, we identified the area of computation for our RtI and special education students as an area to focus on this year. In October, we began the implementation of our before school tutoring program that we created for students who scored low in the area of computation. We are progress monitoring monthly to see if this targeted intervention will increase our ILEARN math scores.

<u>Table 8</u> Rob Moorhead, Facilitator

*Instructional Playbook: Strategies to Action

Kristen Hankins, Lake Village Jennifer Neal, Lincoln Elementary Team Members: Darcy Gibbons, Samantha Nirtaut, Taylor O'Connor & Sallie Smith

Using Marzano's work, we worked with our school and our district as a whole to provide an Instructional Playbook that provides best teaching practices we believe in. This playbook was created by discussion and feedback with research, dialog with staff, and assisted in forming our professional development calendar based on needs.

*Bringing Two Elementary Schools Closer through Communication, Curriculum, and Language

Tony Spoores, Jefferson Craig Elementary School **Team Members:** Lacey Peelman & Jennifer Chase

As Educational Leaders dive into curriculum throughout a corporation, it is important that everyone is on the same bus and going in the same direction. Our Wondering was driven by the need for a common curriculum and language, while unifying buildings through open communication and teamwork.

Session 2 — 9:50 am - 10:20 am

<u>Table 1</u> Tina Noe, Facilitator

*Creating a culture of respect and excellence within the Freshman Academy

> Dave Verta, Hammond Central Team Members: Nate Foor & Megan Tiscareno

Can empowering teachers and students help us create an environment of respect and high achievement within our Freshman Academy. Then can we create an action plan to bring it all together.

*Improving Staff and Teacher Morale through Feedback

Rich Shepler, Warren Central High School **Team Members:** Allison Bodine & Trent Bodine

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted public education as much as any other aspect of society. Students, teachers, and staff have all experienced increased socioemotional stress as we continue to battle the pandemic. The purpose of our action research is to improve staff and teacher morale by developing positive relationships with teachers and staff by improving communication and soliciting feedback throughout the school year.

<u>Table 2</u> Melissa Pancake, Facilitator

*A Caring Culture!

Lori Thursby, Wallace Elementary School Team Members: Amy Sweeney & Julie Gintzler

It's fair to say that schools have become stressful environments for children and adults, which makes learning, teaching and leading difficult. Caring cultures start with strong relationships that are developed when leaders prioritize human needs. Our team project focused on how acts of appreciation can change the climate of a building, strengthen relationships and improve the overall sense of belonging, and well-being.

*We Got You: Boosting Staff Morale Through Recognition

Katie Gordon, Mill Creek East Elementary Team Members: Katie Foster & Lauren Goodwine

Teachers are leaving the profession at an astonishing pace and research has shown that salary is not the only leading indicator. Educators are struggling with feeling supported in their roles. We wondered how we could boost staff morale through intentional acknowledgment of efforts/accomplishments and the effect this would have on staff feeling supported in their roles.

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<u>Table 3</u> John Pearl, Facilitator

*Motivating and Empowering Students through Goal Setting

Jenny Shayotovich, Avon Intermediate School East Team Members: Michelle Howard & Sarabeth Willis

Many students go through the motions of an instructional unit without knowing where they are going and how they are doing to master the skills expected. Empowering and motivating students to know where they are, set goals for themselves, and track their own progress allows student voice in their learning and establishes high expectations for all students; ultimately improving academic achievement.

*Shifting From Hallway Monitors to Hallway Greeters

Jon Romine, Perry Meridian Middle School Team Members: Erin Dever & Jessica Flitcraft

Our project focused on working with our teachers to create a more welcoming environment within our building. Our wondering centered around identifying the impact of greeting students by name each morning. More specifically, how can we as adults move away from monitoring students and more towards greeting students as they start their day, and what are the positives in terms of student behaviors and student perceptions that result because of this shift.

<u>Table 4</u> Mike Pinto, Facilitator

*School Teams

David McGuire, Tindley Summit Academy Team Members: Jazmin Sanders

Our school has four school teams (Data and Assessment, Instructional Leadership Team, Culture and Climate, and MTSS) comprised of teachers and leaders to support the overall operation of our building. Each school team provides training and development to drive scholar achievement and improve teacher practice.

*Creating a PLC Culture to Improve Student Achievement: Ohana-No One Gets Left Behind or Forgotten

Jennifer Griffin, Edgar L. Miller Elementary Team Members: Toni Blaszczyk & Terri White

This Action Research focuses on improving our Professional Learning Community culture to become more intentional in implementing consistent instructional practices that will show academic growth in our students. Using i-Ready data, our goal was to determine if our interventions and practices positively affect student learning outcomes. As a result of this AR project, we are expecting to see stronger and more consistent instructional practices school-wide.

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<u>Table 5</u> Lynn Simmers, Facilitator

*Improving Teacher Collective Efficacy through PLC Meetings

Michelle Hellwege, Paul Saylor Elementary Team Members: Sarah Pier

During the summer of 2021, I began looking at the PLC data from the 2020-2021 school year. The expectation that year was that grade-level PLCs met weekly. Each group's team leader was to complete a form that would share attendance information along with the topics that were discussed in the format of: what do we want our students to learn, how will we know if they have learned it, what will we do if they haven't learned it. It didn't take long for me to realize that our teachers did not do a great job completing the form, and I did not do a good job of reading and monitoring the completed forms (which were uploaded to a shared drive). Therefore, the purpose of our action research was to improve the overall quality and consistency of grade-level PLC meetings.

*Cultivating Growth in School Climate

Jen Lawyer, Bradie Shrum Elementary Team Members: Miranda Bowling & Noah Cobb

Using the HRS model, our team worked to foster improvement in the foundational methods to restore positive culture in our elementary school. The project shares our successes and our lessons learned, with a reflection on how to cultivate sustainable change for our rural community school.

<u>Table 6</u> Amber Walters, Facilitator

*Data-Driven Decisions

Denise Eismin, PhD, Thomas Jefferson Elementary School Team Members: Nancy Batliner & Stacie Schuster

Our team developed specific protocols to examine iReady student data to improve our ability to address common issues regarding curriculum, assessment, instruction, and the achievement of all students.

*Prioritizing Instructional Leadership

Regina Grohar, Franklin Elementary **Team Members:** Aimee Fausto & Nicole Dunn

This AR project is focused on instructional leadership by giving high quality, consistent, & meaningful feedback to teacher via walkthroughs. PDs focus on building needs but by giving individualized feedback to teachers that focuses on their individual needs, we are able to meet them each where they are and help them to grow, which in turn, will help their students grow.

Session 2 — 9:50 am - 10:20 am

Table 7 Leigh Barnes, Facilitator

*Developing a School-wide Instructional Model at Wea Ridge Elementary School

> **Clint Wilson**, Wea Ridge Elementary **Team Members:** Jennifer Straw & Megan Muncy

Through observations and collecting survey data, we found that instructional practices varied greatly in most classrooms. Our school leadership team, consisting of teachers and administrators, worked collaboratively to lead in the development of a school-wide instructional model at Wea Ridge Elementary. By developing an instructional model, teachers have a better understanding of the instructional practices that should be taking place in the classroom each day.

*Researching, Creating and Implementing a School-Wide Instructional Model

Eric Long, Indian Creek Elementary School Team Members: Angie Burkett & Cindy Stewart

Based on our HRS surveys, we found that we needed to focus our attention on an instructional model. Through collaborative efforts, we were able to research, create and implement a schoolwide model of instruction. This model will guide our professional development moving forward. During this process, we were also able to create opportunities for teachers to observe other teachers and to have more discussions about teaching and learning.

<u>Table 8</u> Jack Birmingham, Facilitator

*Adult Emotional Health Matters Too!

Sara Porter, Pleasant Ridge Elementary Team Members: Susan Daily & Teresa Gibson

Staff are feeling overwhelmed by instructional changes to keep students safe, loss of instructional time, and the academic level of students due to lost instructional days. The emotional state and distress of staff is easily observed during conversations, body language , and sickness. Intentionally focusing on adult emotional health is important in the school setting.

*Gathering Feedback from Staff

Edyza Deynes, Edyza A Deynes **Team Members:** Ann Tinker Jackson & Laurie Blair

Our action research project seeks to answer: Does more opportunities to provide input lead to a strong school culture? Using the gathered data from the Level 1 Marzano Reliability School Survey our team focused on reflecting and improving the feedback on Leading Indicator 1.5: Teachers and staff have formal ways to provide input regarding the optimal functioning of the school. What ways do teachers currently have to provide feedback? What other formal and informal ways can we add to our current system for seeking feedback?

<u>Table 1</u> Brian Disney, Facilitator

*Instructional framework in action

Jeremy Powers, Morristown Jr/Sr High School Team Members: Jessica Collier * Mike Gaffney

Our school is working to develop a common instructional language in our building. We are focusing on what we should always see, might see, and should never see from our teachers when it comes to instruction in the classroom. Our hope is to develop a common language amongst our staff.

*Instructional Model Leads to Best Practices

Brent Berkeypile, Wawasee Middle School Team Members: Rebecca Nguyen & Ryan Edgar

Will creating school wide instructional model to help teachers in delivering better tier one instruction. We will using survey data and administrator walk throughs to collect our data.

<u>Table 2</u> Brian Hagan, Facilitator

*data, Data, DATA!!!

Rick Hunt, Rockport Elementary **Team Members:** Janet Schipp & Mary Kerber

There has been a lack of uniformity in how we manage all the data points that we collect on our students over the school year. We collect a lot of data, but how that data is managed, what is shared, and how it is reviewed and discussed has needed to be revisited. Our team has been working this year to develop a tool that will allow us to use our data more effectively in the anticipation that we will feel more confident in our understanding of student performance both in our own classroom and in the vertical alignment of our work.

*Making Math Matter

Brian Ton, Westville Elementary Team Members: Sarah Zaiko & Amber Zdankiewicz

Our school had endeavored to increase our student's capacity, engagement, growth, and achievement through an immersion of math related initiatives. If we immerse our students with standards-based math activities and spiraled instruction and assessments throughout the year, will our students/ mathematics growth and achievement improve as evidenced by our formative and summative assessments.

Session 3 — 10:35 am - 11:05 am

Table 3Shane Killinger, Facilitator

*Exploring Leaders' Cultural Intelligence in the K-12 Setting

Jerame Hicks, Morton Elementary

As the demographics in school systems have changed, educational leaders are challenged with adapting to evolving cultures within the K-12 setting. Cultural Intelligence is a measurement tool that can assist an organizations' cultural competency. Our Wondering was driven by the need for increased cultural competency in the K-12 setting among Building Level Administrators by exploring Cultural Intelligence.

*The Benefits of an Instructional Model

Dennis Kern, Woodlan Jr/Sr High School **Team Members:** Brad McAlexander & Wendy Singer

Using our HRS data, we determined that implementing an instructional model could improve teacher efficacy and drive professional development and school improvement. Our instructional mode allowed for teachers to observe colleagues and provide feedback about components of the instructional model that were observed.

<u>Table 4</u> Ryan Langferman, Facilitator

*Reshaping School Climate Utilizing A Restorative Approach

Cheri Adams, Luce Elementary **Team Members:** Amy Chapman & Kim Simpson

We have always valued strong relationships at Luce Elementary; however we have never systematically built a school-wide program/process by which foster the growth of restorative relationships throughout the school.

With ever changing demographics of our school, we knew that we had to respond to children's needs and teacher needs in a different way.

*The Admin Tour of 2022

Jeffrey Toll, Otterbein Elementary School Team Members: Katie Anderson

The start of my Action Research project was going to be on the consolidation of my former school into a bigger school. I focused on bringing not only two staff groups together but also worked on merging the students as well. I also was putting a focus on making sure that the non-negotiables were going to be met in ALL classrooms and worked on establishing those norms. Midway through the year, my journey took me in another direction...a new building, with a new staff, and new students!

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<u>Table 5</u> Adam McDaniel, Facilitator

*Implementing an instructional framework for Wallace Elementary School of Integrated Arts

Jason Snyder, Wallace Elementary School of Integrated Arts Team Members: Allison Keller & Darcie York

We have created and implemented an instructional framework and guidelines for our staff at Wallace Elementary School of Integrated Arts. In a school corporation that offers choice in educational programs and the lack of Integrated Arts programs locally with input from our staff our team worked to develop a clearly communicated guidebook of expectations for our staff. We hope that this plan will be a living document that will be able to evolve as we continue to grow. We also plan to use this tool as we expand into the middle and high school programs in our corporation.

*Creating an Instructional Framework, Building Instructional Capacity

Kelli Morgan, Southeast Fountain Elementary Team Members: Adison Alward & Tiffiny Hilge

In the past, Southeast Fountain Elementary has made attempts at creating a school-wide instructional framework. However, these efforts were never realized, leaving some inconsistencies in the instructional strategies that are not only utilized in classrooms but also prioritized. Through our Action Research, we created a school-wide framework to bring one instructional vision to our educators, as well as guarantee the practices our students will experience regardless of grade level or classroom.

<u>Table 6</u> Rob Moorhead, Facilitator

*Creating Continuity Through Instructional Frameworks

Matt Whonsetler, Churubusco Elementary Team Members: Kelsey Overbeck & Rob Tomlinson

How do you create continuity amongst multiple grade levels and multiple content areas? Through the development of an instructional framework and interactions with instructional rounds, the team at CES created an action research project constructing an instructional framework that was rigours, yet manageable that could be implemented by all staff working with students.

*Developing a High Reliability Instructional Framework at Dayton Elementary School

Ryan Simmons, Dayton Elementary School Team Members: Aspen Kitchell & Alexis Vesey

To help build consistency and help our new teachers acclimate to our school, we discovered a need to develop an instructional framework. The model was developed collaboratively with our teaching staff through surveys, professional development, conversation, observation and notes. This framework helps our teachers understand what should occur, what may occur and what never should occur in a lesson.

Session 3 — 10:35 am - 11:05 am

<u>Table 7</u> Tina Noe, Facilitator

*Improving Instruction Through PLCs

Taria Taylor, Aylesworth Elementary Team Members: Carrie Biggs & Justine McKee

The staff at Aylesworth Elementary have collaborated through the PLC process for many years. After taking the HRS level 1 survey, we recognize that there is room for improvement in our PLC process. We will use the HRS leading indicators in order to strengthen our PLC process with the end goal of high achievement for all students.

*Identifying Best Practices through Instructional Rounds

Alissa Lockwood, Mt. Comfort Elementary School Team Members: Brianne Williams & Liz Moan

The purpose of this research project was to use instructional rounds to identify best practices in teaching and to become familiar with a new model of instruction. We used the New Art and Science of Teaching framework to guide our instructional rounds and post observation discussions.

<u>Table 8</u> Melissa Pancake, Facilitator

*Establishing Effective Teaching in Every Classroom Through Virtual Instructional Rounds

> Brittany Cooper, New Market Elementary School Team Members: Dana Hunt & Marabeth Gonczarow

The pressures and ramifications of 21st Century Teaching during a World-Wide Pandemic have taken a toll on our teachers and schools. Overnight, teachers have learned to instruct virtually, through hybrid models, and in-person with strict guidelines and mitigation efforts, leaving little time (or energy) for professional development. Our project is focused on how we can become a high reliability school by establishing effective teaching in every classroom, by utilizing the resources we have and what we learned during pandemic-era-teaching, by creating virtual instructional rounds.

*Implementing Instructional Rounds

Shane Bryant, J.B. Stephens Elementary Team Members: Mandy King & Lauren Curry

The HRS-2 survey showed that indicator 2.6 (Teachers have an opportunity to observed and discuss effective teaching) is an area of concern for our staff. Our teacher leaders agree that there is a lot of great teaching that goes on at our school and that we need to develop a way allow our teachers to observe, give feedback, and share best practices. Therefore, the purpose of our actions research project is to engage JBS teacher in instructional rounds during the 2021-22 school year.

Session 4 — 11:10 am - 11:25 am

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Table 1John Pearl, Facilitator

*Creating Our Instructional Model

Matt Owens, Southwestern High School Team Members: Todd Cannon & Chris Johnson

With numerous changes in testing and instruction facing high schools, we wondered if an instructional model would help provide direction to meaningful instruction and professional development in our building. A school-wide instructional model may help serve as a basis for professional development and provide a direction for the growth of our teachers and the improvement of instruction in our school. Additionally, an instructional model may allow for more collaboration among our teachers by allowing them to more effectively learn and share successful instructional strategies.

<u>Table 2</u> Mike Pinto, Facilitator

*Culture of Collaboration

Mary Rykiel, Kenwood Elementary Team Members: Heidi Moore & Gail Reese

After a little over a year of virtual learning and a significant change in staff our team decided to focus on collaborative grade level culture to improve focused instructional discussions. We will discuss the process of how we helped our staff learn about each other and set out to improve our overall ability to collaborate in grade level teams as well as a school staff.

<u>Table 3</u> Lynn Simmers, Facilitator

*Classroom Excellence

Justin Linch, Fall Creek Valley Middle School Team Members: Kayci Troyer & Stephon Gilder

Teachers created what Classroom Excellence looks like at FCV. As a staff they created how a teacher is excellent and how a student is excellent in the classroom. They are posted in each of the classrooms and gone over each day.

Table 4 Amber Walters, Facilitator

*The Through Line

Javier Jimenez, South Bend Community School Corporation

In my project I will work with one of our elementary principals to identify his and my impact on student learning at his school. Through a cycle of inquiry we will use data to identify a student problem of learning, a teacher problem of practice as well as a principal problem of leadership. This will result in new learning for both the principal and myself as we work together to address the problems of practice and address the student problem of learning.

Session 4 — 11:10 am - 11:25 am

<u>Table 5</u> Leigh Barnes, Facilitator

*Instructional Rounds: Breaking Down Silos

Jesse Burgess, Southmont High School Team Members: Kayla Datzman & Reasley Thompson

The purpose of our action research is to determine how instructional rounds can improve our teaching and learning through voluntary collaboration. We are also eager to see how instructional rounds impact the work of building a positive and trusting culture we began in year one of IPLI.

<u>Table 6</u> Jack Birmingham, Facilitator

*The Impact of OG on Kindergarten Foundational Literacy Skills at the ELCMC...Packing One Powerful Punch

Angela Crousore, The Early Learning Center at Mary Castle Team Members: Jennifer McNamara & Shelli Champion

Implementing OG (Orton Gillingham) into our Tier I Foundations has impacted student growth and overall Foundational Literacy Skills. Professional development, coaching, and instructional integrity has allowed us to provide our students with a guaranteed and viable curriculum that has resulted in equitable outcomes for our students.

<u>Table 7</u> Brian Disney, Facilitator

*Which actions increase teacher motivation?

Kellie Easton, Charter School of The Dunes Team Members: Dee Smith, Stacy Lindskog

It is challenging to lead a building of unmotivated staff. In addition to the traditional difficulties in schools such as teacher workload, testing, student behaviors, low parent participation, COVID complicated matters even more. Staff motivation at Charter School of the Dunes is at a real low. The teacher call-offs and student disregulation were also at an all-time high. The counselors have reported that their sessions are dominated by grief counseling. The leadership team developed a plan to disrupt the stressors to increase staff motivation throughout the school year. Each month we planned activities or events designed to take our minds off of stress related to our job. A motivation survey tied to Marzano level one indicators was given to the staff three times this year to gauge success disrupting work-related stress that impacts staff motivation. We discovered that activities not tied to compensation had the most significant impact.

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