Reimagining Middle Schools Chinook, Highland, Odle, Tillicum, Tyee

Welcome to The Reimagining Middle School (RMS) Design Team!

Homeroom/Advisory and Problem Based Learning

How will a reimagined middle school make you feel?



1-Name2-Role/Perspective (a teacher, a parent, etc.),3-Moment of joy this summer



Desired Outcomes:

During the meeting, we will:

- Build trusting relationships
- Establish agreements for how we work together
- Introduce/Review Equity Design Thinking Process
- Review RMS 2022-2023 proposal
- Preview timeline

In the Advisory and Problem Based Learning Design Teams, we will:

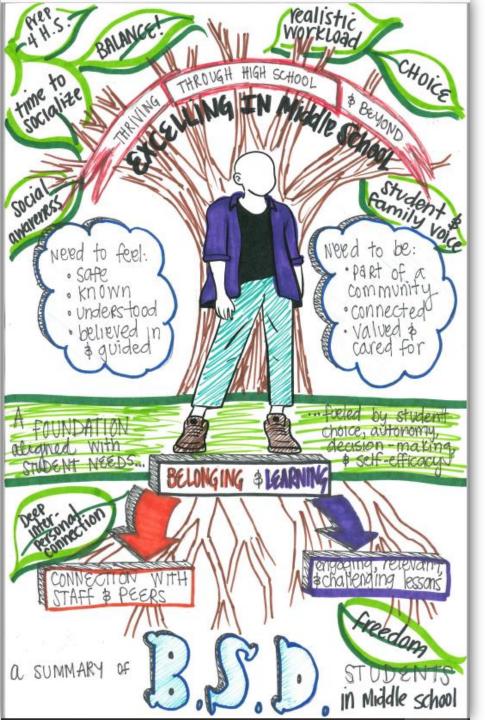
- Capitalize on our expertise
- Learning more about advisory and problembased learning



Parking Lot

Put your questions, comments, needs etc. here!



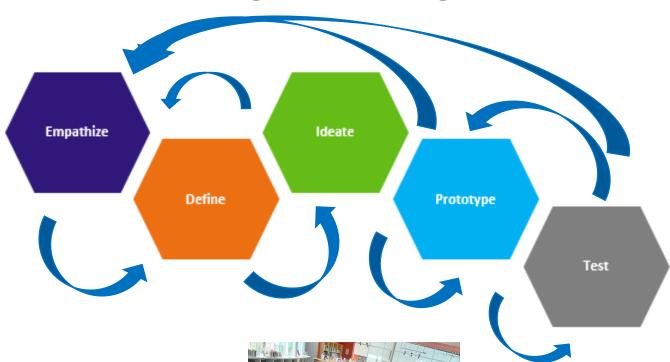


Why Reimagine Middle Schools?

- 31% of 6-8 graders do not feel a strong sense of belonging
- ➤ Approximately **30%** of 6-8th graders are **below standard** in **English Language Arts** proficiency
- ➤ Approximately 34% of 6-8th graders are below standard in Math proficiency

Equity-Centered Design Thinking Process





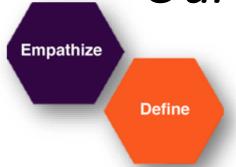






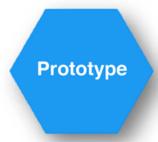


Our Listening Campaigns 2022-23



Round 1: Empathize & Define

- August-November
- 3 surveys
- 7 listening circles
- 10 Outreach visits
- 11 Student Panelists
- AVID Design Challenge
- Over 70 hours of Shadowing Students
- Additional data



Round 2: Prototype

- March
- 18 Outreach visits
- Over 250 invested stakeholders
- Detailed, qualitative data



Round 3: Test

- April
- MS Students
- MS Staff
- 5th -9th grade Families
- 2,925 completed surveys

Empathize

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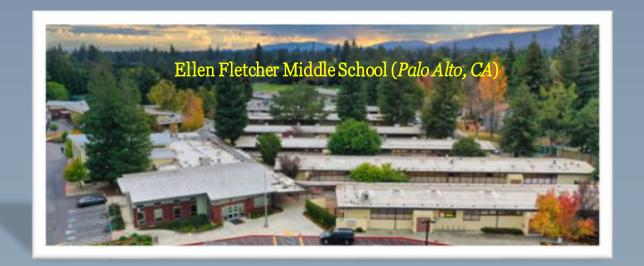
We Learned From Others School Visits (January & February 2023)











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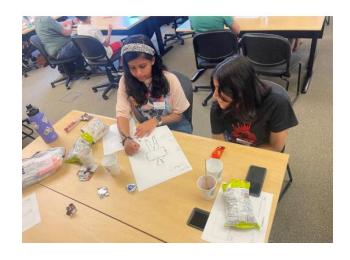
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THE RMS VISION

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LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS
& ACADEMIC
INTERVENTIONS



SOCIAL INTERACTIONS & SOCIAL EMOTIONAL NEEDS

MEET STUDENTS WHERE THEY ARE

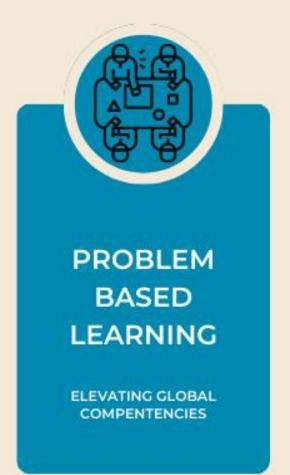
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Opportunities Addressed by Each Prototype	Problem- Based Learning	Homeroom / Advisory	Teacher Teams	Scheduling
The need for increased sense of belonging		✓		✓
A lack of meaningful connections with peers and adults		✓	✓	
A need for breaks		✓		
A gap between skills taught and those needed for future success	✓			✓
Irrelevant instruction and use of time	✓		✓	
A lack of interactive learning environments	✓			
Meaningful engagement and empowering student voice	✓	✓		✓
The transition process between levels does not meet students' needs (elementary→middle and middle→high school)		✓	✓	✓

Committee Recommendations

This is a time when students can connect with each other and feel like they belong at school. It can also help them when they move up to a new grade.

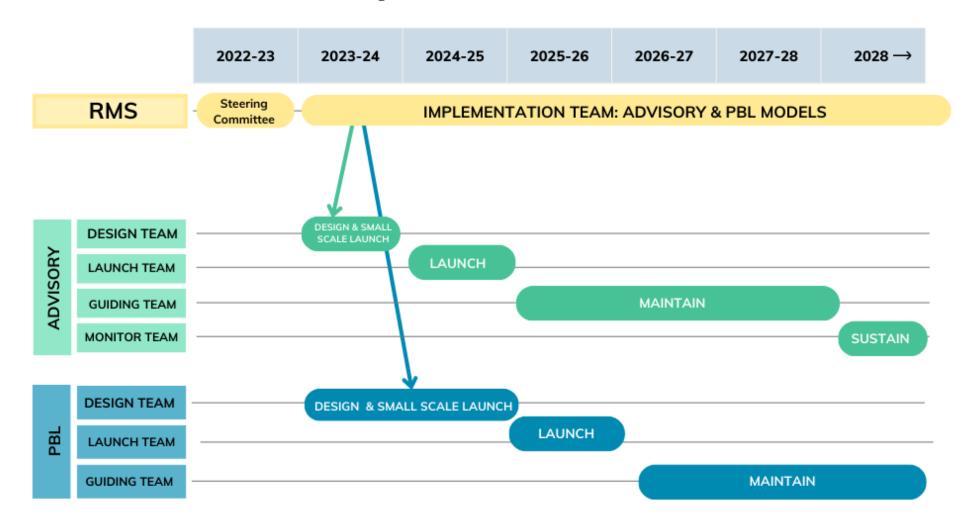




This is a way of learning where students get to do hands-on activities that are interesting and relevant to them. It can help them learn better and feel more motivated.

Scheduling changes will be required to support implementation. The Teacher Teams prototype may be embedded in Advisory and PBL.

Recommended Implementation Timeline



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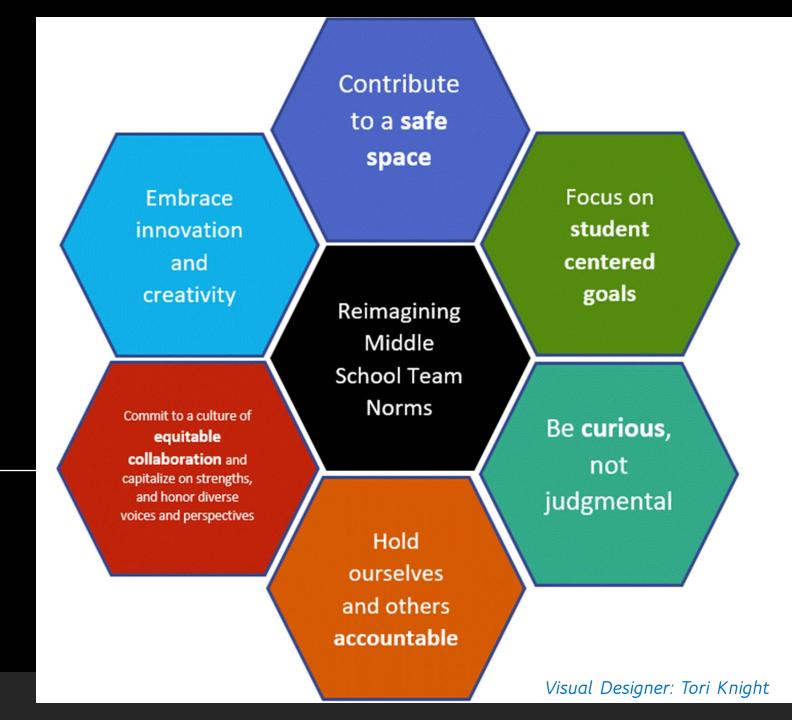
And Various School Groups and Clubs

Is there anything important that someone would like to add?



Community Agreements & Roles

Note Taker



How do you see yourself contributing to upholding the community agreements and fostering a positive team environment?

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to a safe space

Reimagining

Middle

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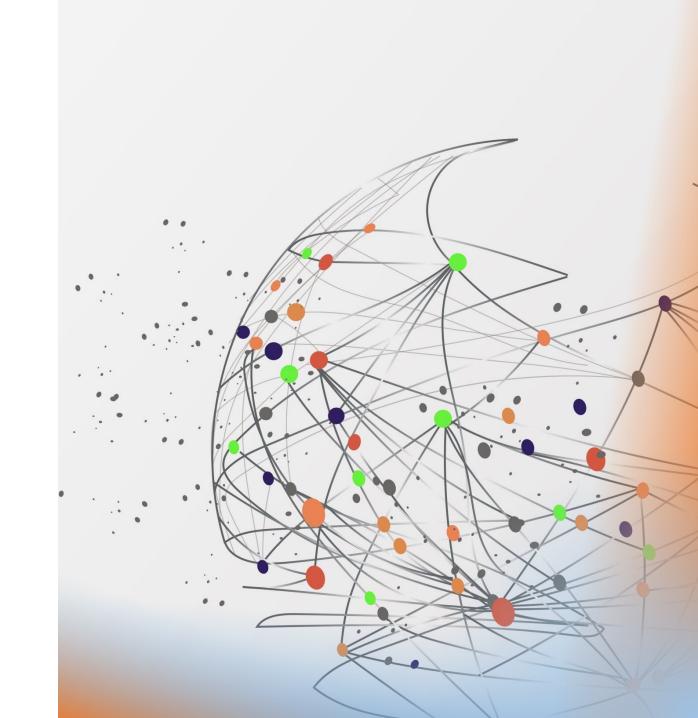
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What is coming up?

We will be in two design teams: Advisory and Problem Based Learning

- Using equity design thinking as our methodology
- Learning about different models
- Engaging deeply with students, families and staff



Overall project goal: To collaboratively craft an implementation plan to be shared with our Superintendent and Executive Team about middle school structures and practices that betterserve the developmental, social-emotional, and academic needs of our middle school students.

Project deliverables:

The RMS Committee's **implementation plan** will be based on research and stakeholder engagement and that phase in the changes over time and through a thoughtful, well-defined, realistic piloting and evaluation process.

The five questions below call us to fundamentally shift our practice in how we have historically engaged with our communities to produce more equitable outcomes. These questions are intended to be infused throughout the decision-making or planning process.

- •History demonstrates there are clear academic, emotional, and social inequities experienced by students, families, and staff who have been minoritized. What efforts have been made to understand this history from speaking to those who experienced it directly and indirectly to ensure an equitable decision and outcome?
- •Who are the racial, ethnic, and historically marginalized groups impacted by this decision and what are the potential impacts they may face?
- •How have you included the lived experiences of those you don't typically consider and those you believe will be most impacted by this decision?
- •What are the barriers (things you can work around) and constraints (things you cannot change) to advancing racial equity, access, and inclusion, and how will you address them?
- •Prior to making this decision, how did you return to (or engage) those most impacted by the decision, and evaluate the extent to which the decision furthers justice and belonging? Adjust as needed.

Transition Time



Our Agenda for Today

10:30-11:30	Design team will embark on a collaborative journey to co-design innovative approaches centered around advisory/homeroom practices. •Capitalizing our expertise, knowledge and perspective
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1:30 - 2:00	Whole group closure

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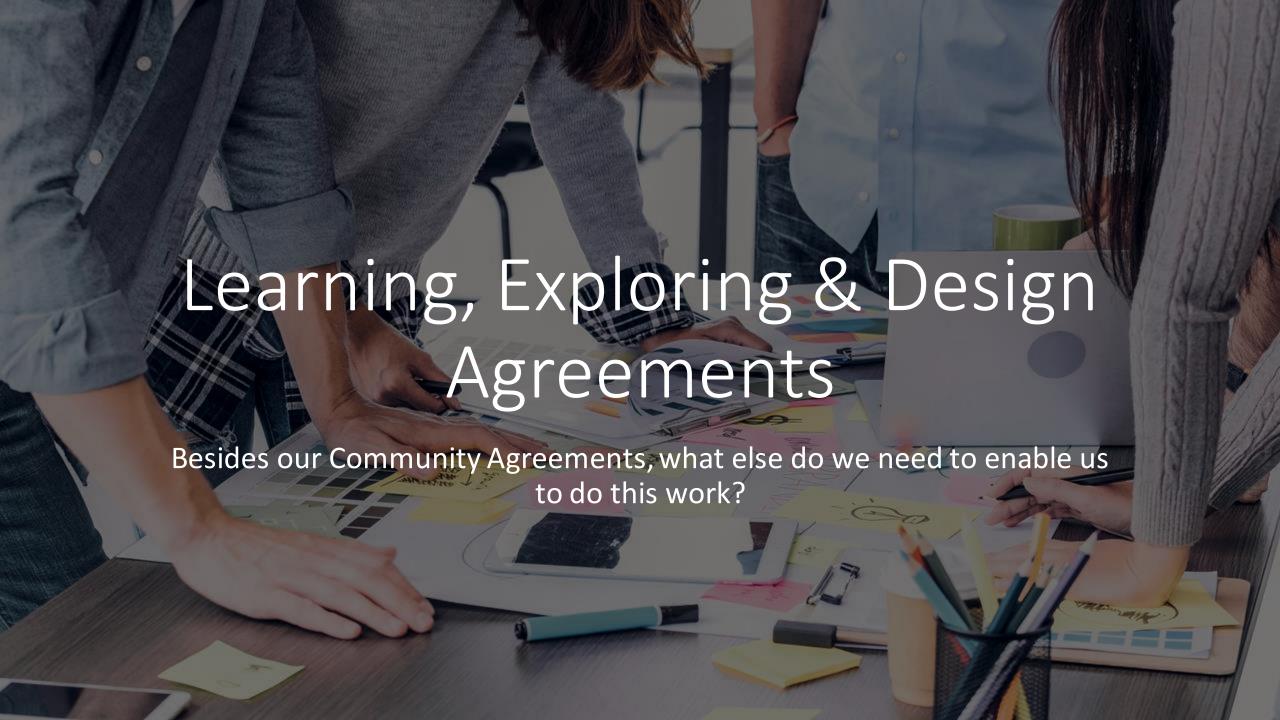


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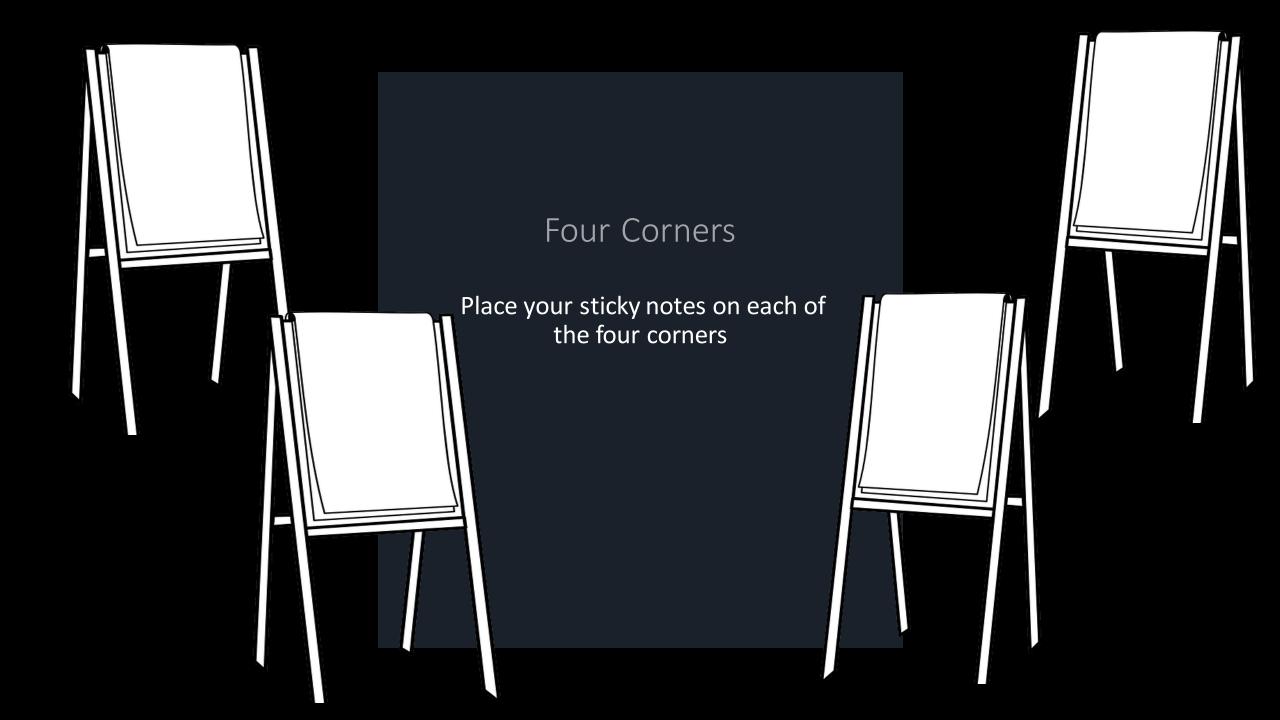
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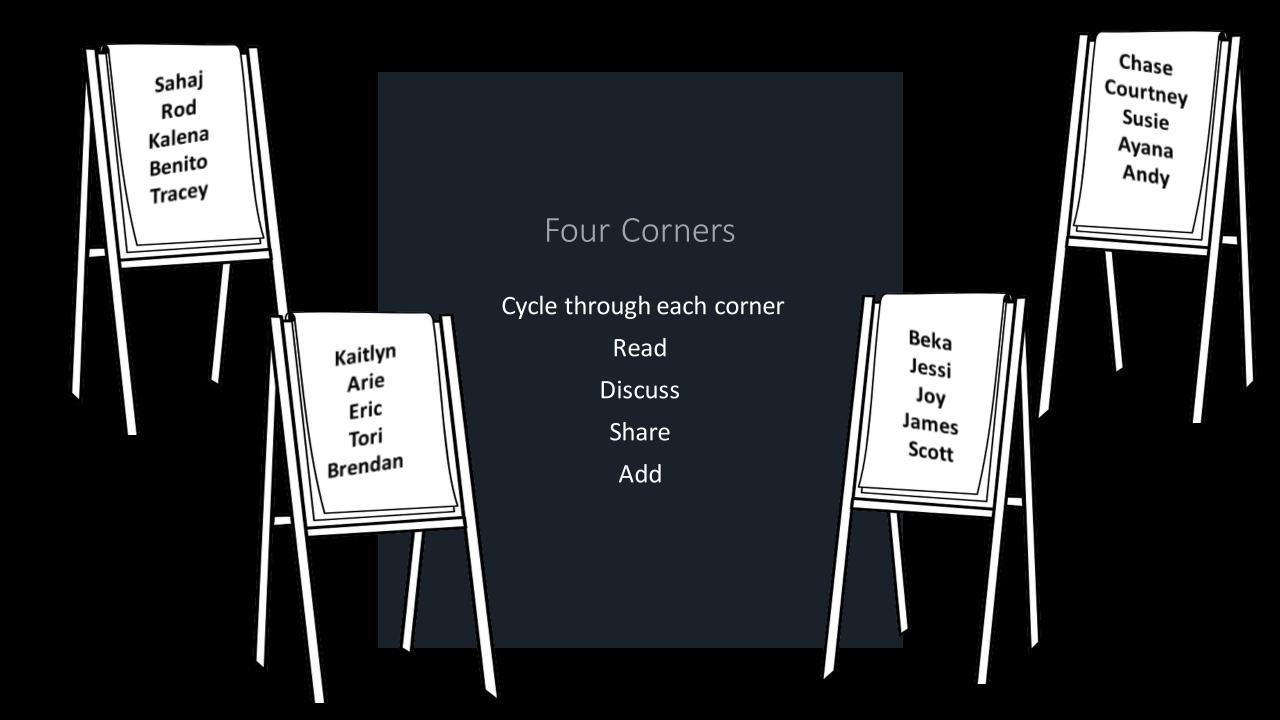


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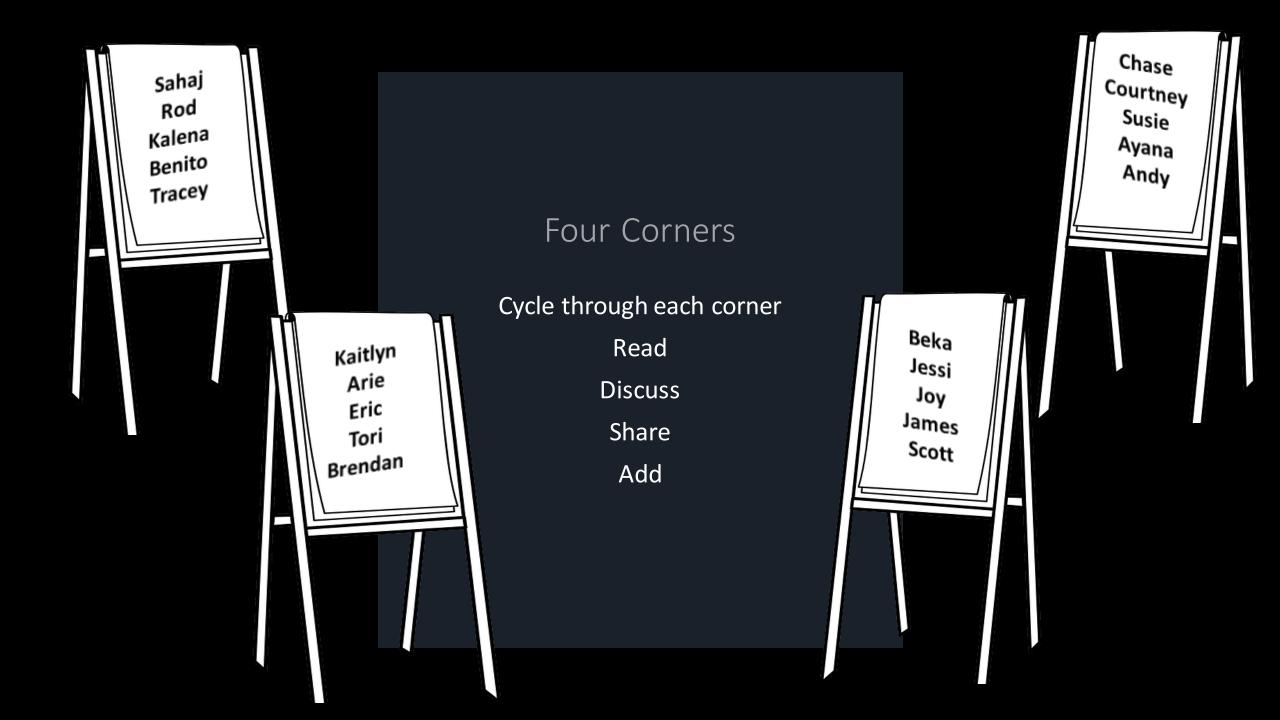




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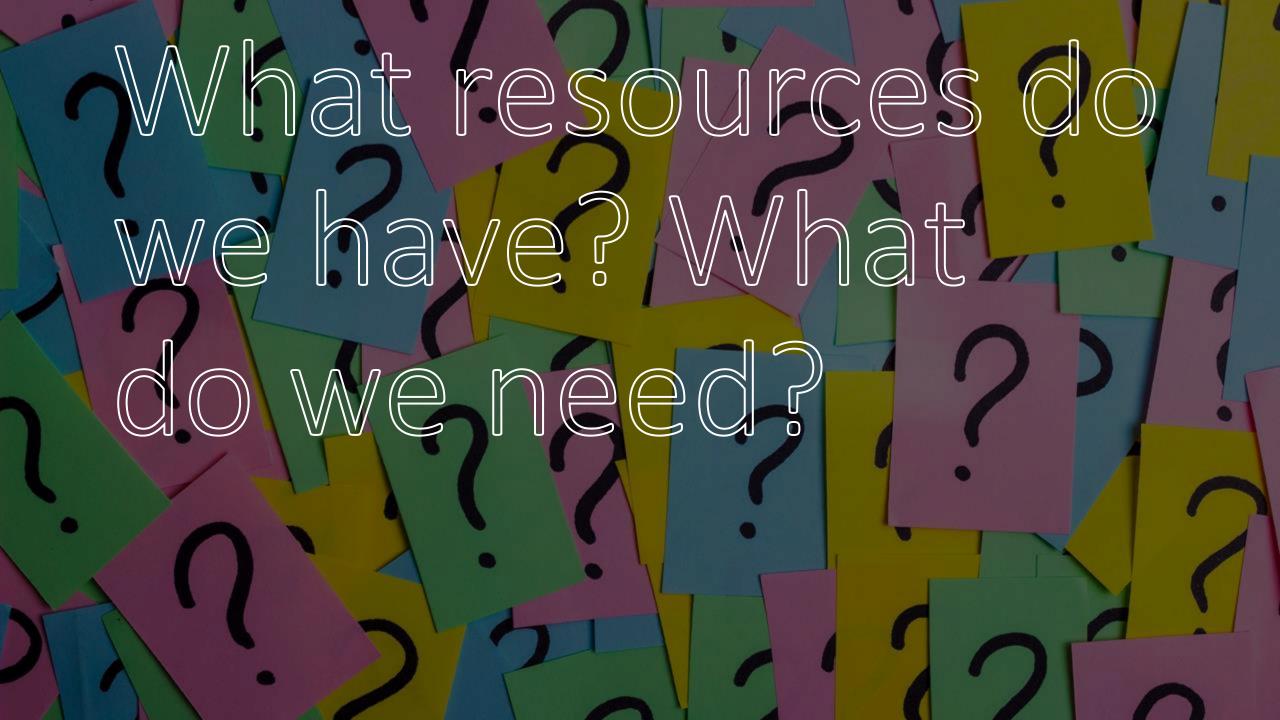


Processing Time

- Individually
- Partner Discussion
- Whole Group

What's possible?





Next steps...

- Collect all that was shared today!
 - We will send out meeting summary
- Begin gathering what we need/want to explore
- And while this is all happening...

Middle School Student Well-Being Curriculum Adoption Committee Interest?



Middle School Student Well-Being Curriculum Adoption Committee Interest Form

As you may know, BSD has a strong commitment to supporting Well-Being for all our students. This includes supporting their social, emotional and mental health growth. We are at the stage when we need to review new and updated curriculum materials to determine what will be best for our students. We would like to encourage you to consider joining in the Adoption Committee work.

The Adoption Committee offers a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our middle schoolers. As a member of the team, you will have the chance to help shape the programs and ensure that it meets the needs of our students and community.

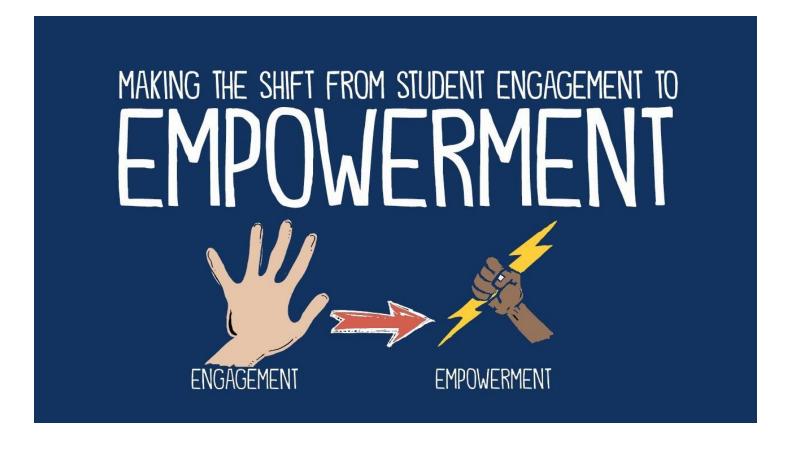
The team will be responsible for a variety of tasks, including exploring curriculum, determining professional development needs for teachers, and working with community partners to provide additional resources and support. For more details about the commitment, please click here: [insert link]

This interest form will close at [insert date and time].

Thank you for your time and consideration.

* Required	
1. First Name * 🗔	
Enter your answer	
2. Last Name * 🗔	
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Welcome to the Problem Based Learning (PBL) Design Team



Share a memory of a time that you felt empowered as a learner? What contributed to that experience?

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Project-Based Learning (PBL)



General Description: "Project Based Learning (PBL) is a teaching method in which student learn by actively engaging in local and global issues and personally meaningful projects"

- Goal: Students work on a project for an extended period of time that answers a complex question focused on solving local and/or global issues, and demonstrate knowledge and skills through a public product or presentation for an authentic audience.
- Problems/Opportunities Addressed: Academic instruction should be more student-centered and focused on "21st Century Learning" in terms of topics studied, method of delivery, and skills developed (current issues, problemsolving, interactive, collaborative, empowering, authentic audience)
 - Irrelevant instruction and use of time (P.3); There is a disconnect between the skills being taught and the skills needed to succeed in the future (P.4); Sense of meaningful engagement and student voice (P.5); Students lack interactive learning environment (P.6); The school day and classes are not typically structured in a way that empower students and promotes their ownership of learning (P.7)
- Structural Elements May Include: Substantial time for teacher training, ongoing support, planning, collaboration, and revision; teacher teaming; block scheduling that allows for larger chunks of uninterrupted project time
- Design Questions to Spark Your Imagination:
- •Will PBL be explicitly interdisciplinary or focused on single content areas?
- •Will PBL be the primary instructional approach or something that is done a few times a year?
- •How might outside professionals and organizations (including BSD family and community members) be authentically included in PBL in BSD middle schools?

P-Problem Mentifier

Sources: ASCD: PBLWorks: PBLWorks

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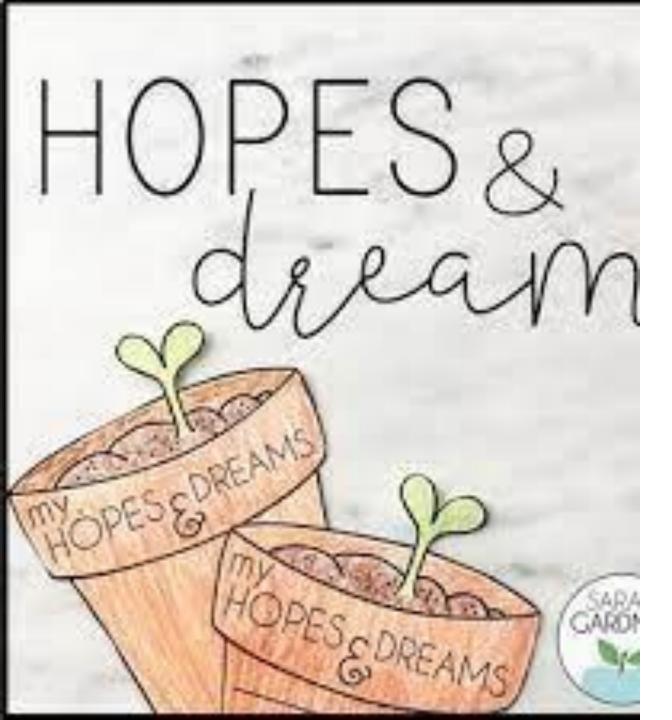
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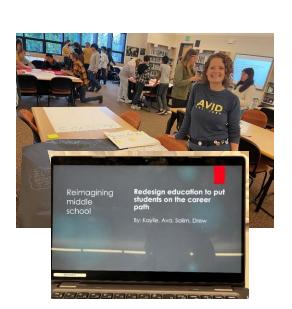


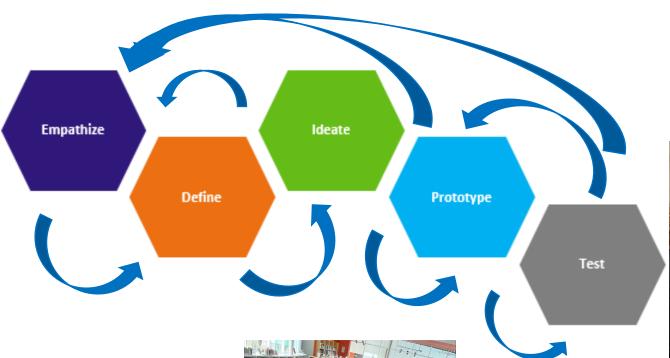






Equity-Centered Design Thinking Process - Revisited













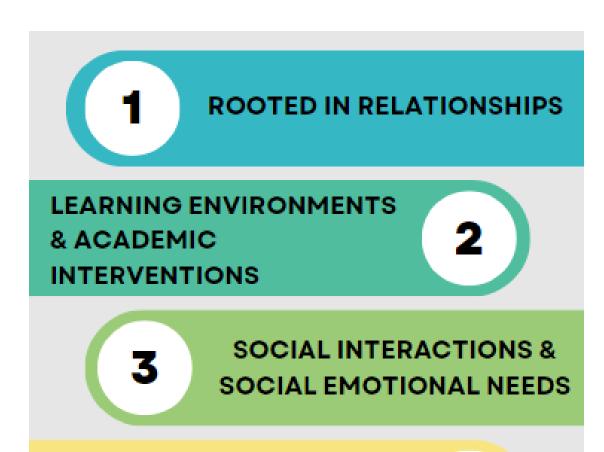


Exploring PBL Resources

- Recent articles on Edutopia: https://www.edutopia.org/about
 - https://www.edutopia.org/article/student-designed-pbl
 - https://www.edutopia.org/article/unit-design-framework-for-teacher
 - https://www.edutopia.org/article/interdisciplinary-unit-climate-change
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- Teacher Experts
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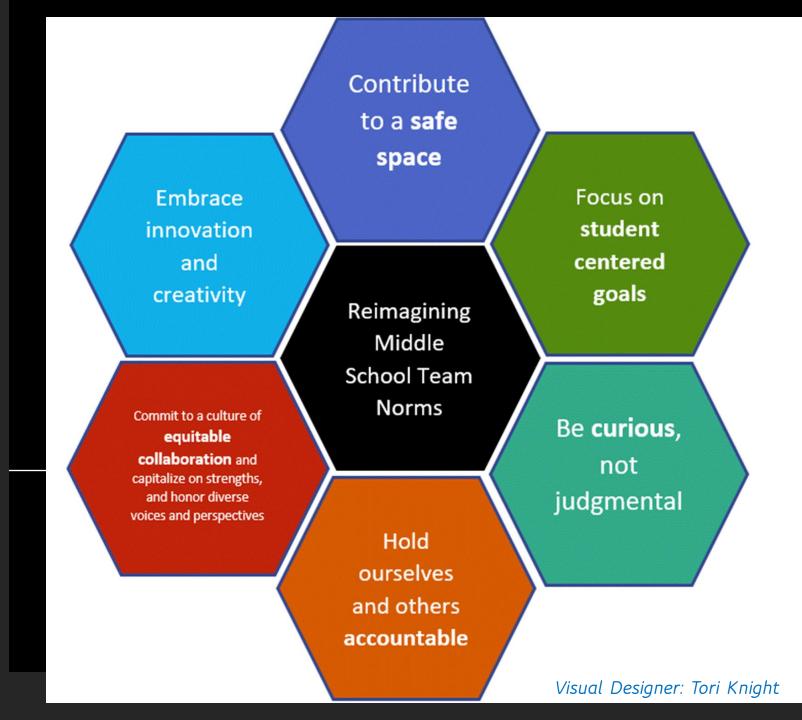
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Agreements & Roles

Revisited

What resonates?



Next Steps

- Become familiar with PBL models and resources.
- Future meetings.
- Look for follow up e-mail.



Future Meetings

Meeting#	Date	Time
1	8/15/23	8:30-2:00
2	9/12/23	4:30-6:30
3	9/21/23	8:00-4:00
4	9/26/23	4:30-6:30
5	10/3/23	4:30-6:30
6	10/24/23	4:30-6:30
7	10/26/23	8:00-4:00
8	11/7/23	4:30-6:30
9	11/16/23	8:00-4:00
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18	5/14/24	4:30-6:30
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RMS Consultancy Board Interest Form

Join the RMS Middle School Consultancy Board and Make a Difference!

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Note: Our Design Teams are now filled. They will handle tasks such as drafting structures, supporting Advisory/Homeroom and Problem-Based Learning, assessing teachers' professional development needs, and collaborating with community partners for extra resources and support. Please consider joining us as a consultant!

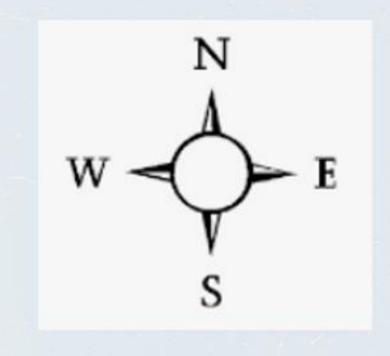
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Compass Points

East = Excited

West = Worried

North = Need to Know



South = Suggestion for Moving Forward

Please complete sign-in and Feedback Form

8/15/23 RMS Design Team Sign In



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