

RMS (Reimagining Middle Schools) Committee

Steering Meeting Minutes

January 12

➤ **Inclusive welcome –**

- We reviewed our agenda, parking and community agreements.
- We reviewed our objectives:
 - WE begin to PROTOTYPE by:
 - Reviewing our vision, student needs and AMLE characteristics
 - Using the ranking survey results to come to consensus on what to move forward into Prototype stage.
- We covered our RMS Vision. We included the characteristics of successful middle schools exhibit 18 characteristics under Culture and Community, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment and Leadership and Organization.
- We reviewed 9 Identified Opportunities by the RMS Committee

➤ **Content-**

- Data: We explained how we got the top 11 solutions: We compared and make sense of a few different ways of looking at the data:
 - 1- Most popular overall (Microsoft Forms: points-based green colored graphs)
 - 2- Distribution by 1 choice, 3 choices, etc (Microsoft "heat map-colored" graphs)
 - 3- "top 3" calculation (How many respondents chose this solution as their 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice for this category.
- The summary of the data can be found in here: [the survey analysis](#)
- Prioritizing Grid: We reached consensus in two teams by using prioritization grid that focused on the intersection of student-centered and feasibility. We discussed ideas through our vision, student needs, and AMLE Characteristics.
 - The Table #1 shared the following top ideas:
 - **PBL**
 - **Teacher Teams w/ Cohort**
 - **Block scheduling**
 - The Table #2 shared the following top ideas:
 - **PBL**
 - **Block scheduling**
 - **Advisory/homeroom**

- The following top ideas will move on to prototyping:
PBL, Teacher Teams with Student Cohorts, Block Scheduling or Longer Classes, Advisory or Homeroom
- ***Nuts and Bolts*** - Next Meeting February 2nd at ADAMS in WISC for 2 hours with Naomi Calvo
 - DATE and TIME Change Request
 - Feb. 2nd from 4:30-6:30 PM at WISC (Adams room)
 - Change Feb. 14th to Feb. 9th- 4:30-6:30 PM- I will send a quick survey to double check on this date.
 - School Learning Tours at Innovative Middle Schools
 - Jessi & Dan- [Intrinsic Schools- Belmont Campus](#) (Chicago, IL)
 - Tori & Gabe- [Ellen Fletcher Middle School](#) (Palo Alto, CA)
 - Matthew & Tom- [Design39 Campus](#) (San Diego, CA)
 - Courtney & Melisa- [Summit Atlas](#) (West Seattle)
 - Mr. G & Anna- Local school (TBD)
 - Listening Campaign
 - Target window: Feb. 28 to March 17
- ***Optimistic Closing*** - The closing was facilitated by a student, Sahaj.