Building An Academic Coach Program on a Shoestring Budget

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What is your current reality?
It Takes a Team

- Technology
- Federal Programs
- Curriculum
- Community Relations
- Principals
- Teachers
- Students
BYOD? (2012)

- Let’s do BYOD
- Technology Infrastructure
  - 30 MB of Bandwidth
  - Wireless network was designed for coverage not density
- Informed Board of the Issues
  - Board on board with getting Infrastructure up to date
Learning with Technology

- Created a WFISD Learning w/ Technology Committee (October 2014)
  - Designed a plan to present to the Board
  - Created Goals
    - Administrative Goals
      - Troubleshoot accessibility
      - Evaluate devices for potential district-wide use
      - Develop plan for professional development and technical support
    - Teacher Goals
      - Utilize technology to make learning visible
      - Create a culture of students as producers and innovators of learning
      - Create a culture of collaboration and communication between staff, students, and parents
Digital Pilot

- Principals Chose 42 Kid Magnet Teachers (Jan 2015)
  - All different Grade Levels and Subject Areas
  - Had a meeting with the chosen teachers (March 2015)
    - Why you were chosen
    - What to expect
    - Mandatory trainings
    - Goals
Digital Pilot Training

- 5 days of mandatory teacher training (Summer 2015)
  - May - Device Pick up and Learn your Device (4 hours)
  - June - All Users - Tips and Tricks, Web 2.0 Tools, Screencasting, etc. (6 hours)
  - June - iPad Users - Apple Certified Trainer (6 hours)
  - Aug - All Users - GAFE (6 hours)
  - Summer - Laptop and Chromebook Users - Met with Curriculum Specialist and Built Lessons integrating Technology (2 days)
  - Summer - iPad Users - Met with Curriculum Specialist and Built Lessons integrating Technology (1 day)

- Deployed 42 classroom sets of 30 devices each (Summer 2015)
  - iPads, Chromebooks, Laptops (Purchased from Federal and General Funds)
Digital Pilot Progress Meeting (Dec. 2015)

- Success of the program
  - Student Engagement, Four C’s, Students Publishing Work
- Problems with the program
- Device Findings - Device that best meets our curriculum needs
  - Laptops - Boot/Load Time - Updates
  - iPads - $$$ Continue to cost Money with apps, MDM Randomness, No Keyboard
  - Chromebooks - No issues reported, “Please do not take my Chromebooks”
WFISD Digital Learning Day

- Feb. 17 2016
  - Admin Staff, Community Relations, Curriculum Specialist, Press
  - Broke up into Teams of 6
  - Went to every school
  - Student showcased the work they have created over the year
WFISD Connected Classrooms for 2016-2017

- Plan for moving from the Digital Pilot to WFISD Connected Classrooms (Feb. 2016)
  - Overview of the pilot
  - Chose 6 campuses to be our Connected Classroom Leaders
  - Looked at funding
  - Created a plan
  - Decided on device by grade level
  - **Dual Role for Instructional Coaches (Instructional Coach and Technology Facilitator)**
WFISD Connected Classrooms

- K-3 - 10 iPads per classroom
  - Except for 10 Chromebooks per classroom in Kinder at Fowler and 3rd at Milam and Fain
- 4th - 10 Chromebooks per classroom
  - Except for 10 iPads per classroom at Burgess
- 5th - Classroom sets of Chromebooks (Do not take home)
- 6th - 1-1 Chromebooks (Take Home, Filtered by iboss and GoGuardian)
- 7-12 - BYOD
  - Class sets of Chromebooks and Carts for teachers to use.
  - Also worked with Dell to get a site set up to purchase Chromebooks at district's cost for all students and teachers
WFISD Connected Classroom Funding

- **Hardware**
  - Elementary
    - Portion using Technology Refresh Budget
    - Supplemented by Federal Funds
  - 6th Grade
    - Mostly IMA Funds
    - Portion using Technology Refresh Budget

- **Instructional Coaches**
  - Title I & Title II
    - Covered intervention piece (Title I)
    - Covered training piece (Title II)
WFISD Connected Classroom Curriculum

- WFISD Connected Classroom Expectations
  - Minimal guidelines of what you should be integrating into your classroom
  - Gave principals something to be looking for in classrooms and in lesson plans

- District Curriculum Specialist went through same trainings as Teachers

- Curriculum Writing Teams
  - Created Lessons using the expectations
  - Integrated Expectations in existing lessons
  - Shared lessons and content using google drive
WFISD Connected Classrooms Training

- Over 300 Teachers trained including Instructional Coaches
- K-6 4 days of mandatory teacher training (Summer 2016)
  - Badge Challenges
    - May - Device Pick up and Learn your Device (1 hour)
    - June - All Users - Google 1 (6 hours)
    - July - All Users - Google 2 (6 hours)
    - Aug - All Users - Tips and Tricks (6 hours)
- 7-12 1 day of voluntary training (Summer 2016)
  - BYOD
    - Offered 3 times
WFISD Connected Classroom - Future

- Planning for 2017-2018
  - Elementary
    - More classrooms covered using mostly Federal Funds
  - Middle School
    - Outgoing 6th graders will keep their device
    - Incoming 6th graders will get Chromebooks using mostly IMA Funds
    - Once current 6th graders finish their 8th grade year they can purchase the Chromebooks for a minimal cost to use in HS
  - High School
    - Continue to purchase more devices in a Classroom Cart and Individual Checkout model
Transitioning to Instructional Coaches
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*Instructional Coaching Framework*
Lancaster ISD

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District Background

Our Story

Lancaster ISD is a suburban public school district located in Lancaster, Texas on the southern border of Dallas. We serve approximately 6,800 students, of whom 78% are African American and more than 85% are economically disadvantaged.

LISD is one of the largest predominantly African American districts in the state and we are proud of the significant accomplishments of our students.
Integrate:Inspire

- In the 15-16 school year Lancaster ISD embarked on a journey (Integrate:Inspire) with 18 teachers.

- The previous pilot was so successful that this school year the program has grown to 82 teachers.
Personalized Coaching

- Integrate 2 Inspire Rubric
  - A, B, & 5Cs
- Personalized Coaching Plans