

# The Cyber Café and Collaborative Learning

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## Introduction-Rex Reigert

- Who we are
- The Creative Start
- Our team and how it was truly a collaboration of stakeholders

## Defining the Vision-Dr. Goudy

- Conceptual Basis for Cyber Café
  - Technological Revolution
    - In the business environment
    - In the educational environment
    - In the home environment

## Defining the Vision-Dr. Goudy

- The Evolution of Madison Local Schools-Libraries to Learning Centers
  - Empty Libraries
    - Lack of independent student utilization
    - Buying books that students didn't use
    - Priority on collecting library book fines
    - An unfriendly environment for students
    - Making personnel decisions
  - Grass roots effort by students and administrative teams
  - Concept takes on life of its own
  - Project stimulated by passage of a bond issue and OSFC Project

## Defining the Vision-Dr. Goudy

- From Concept to Reality
  - Students embrace concept and want change
  - Staff initially did not want change
  - Breaking the mold
    - Addressing staffing issues
    - Students move books and shelves
    - Painting the walls
    - Breaking down barriers
  - Unexpected money comes in
    - First Energy phone call
    - \$50,000 check

## Defining the Vision-Dr. Goudy

- Where do we go from here?
  - Open to all grade levels all day long
  - Open outside courtyard to students
  - Wi-Fi throughout the building
  - Parent and community access
  - Expand collaborative learning areas throughout the building
  - Bringing in more corporate partners
  - Extended learning opportunities to local businesses
  - Taking the doors off the libraries



### Student Voices-Taylor Goudy and Lucas Ingalls

- Taylor Goudy and Lucas Ingalls are senior members of student council and were a part of the project from the very start
- Their ideas and those of their classmates helped to shape the look of the cyber café and set the tone for learning as it evolves in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

## From Concept to Reality-Mrs. Triana

- October 2011 – First meeting of the Cyber Café Committee
  - Fall 2011 District down sized – MHS lost librarian
  - How to utilize space?
  - Members: Superintendent/BOE , Maintenance, IT, Student Council, Administration, Advisor...
- November 2011 thru May 2012
  - Sub-committees doing research along with monthly planning meetings
  - Admin revised student code of conduct regarding electronic devices

## From Concept to Reality-Mrs. Triana

- January 2013 – 1<sup>st</sup> Energy Donation
  - Local community member won contest
  - Check presented to district
- February 2013 – Moving Day
  - President' s Day Pizza Party
  - 180 degree turn around
- June 2013 – Ordering of the Furnishings
  - Student Committees/Findings
  - Actual items ordered

## From Concept to Reality-Mrs. Triana

- August 2013 – Students layout the Café
  - Finishing Touches
  - Final Orientation
- September 2013 – Grand Opening
  - In conjunction with conference night/home game
  - Refreshments/Dignitaries
- Future
  - Extended hours access
  - Expanded technology

## Connecting Learning to Life-Angela Smith

- Common Core and New Learning Standards support project-based learning
  - Demands higher-level thinking more than mere memorization
  - Collaborative environments need to take place in more than just the classroom
    - Cyber Café designed with collaboration and technology in mind
    - Markerboard tables to share ideas
    - Whiteboard for brainstorming
    - Technology to embrace the collaborative workspace in the cloud such as google docs.

## Connecting Learning to Life-Angela Smith

- Preparation for College and Career Readiness
  - Workplace projects require collaboration
  - Independent Learning key to success in college
  - Pride in the efforts of multiple people
  - Demonstration of authentic tasks
    - Coffee House
    - Presentation Center
    - Gallery for student work

## Connecting Learning to Life-Angela Smith

- Rooted in Research
  - Heidi Hayes Jacobs-interdisciplinary learning and curriculum integration
  - Linda Darling Hammond-project based learning
- Concept promotes learning beyond standardized tests
  - Critical-thinking
  - Problem-solving
  - Teamwork

Connecting Learning to Life-Angela  
Smith

Coming together is a beginning,  
staying together is progress, and  
working together is success. —  
Henry Ford