

# Fairfield Advancing Students and Teaching Forward

# Quarterly Report

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#### **FAST Forward Overview**

Fairfield County Advancing Students and Teachers (FAST) Forward is a consortium effort led by the Fairfield County ESC and funded by the Straight A Grant Fund. This is a network centric approach to transform the educational systems in Fairfield County. Multiple service providers will partner with the county and develop plans for transformation across a variety of levels within the existing structures of schools today. The ultimate goal will be to TRANSFORM TEACHING and LEARNING across the 8 districts to increase student engagement, personalize learning, and support college and career ready skills for ALL STUDENTS.

The PAST Foundation is a partner in this process to help develop and design a strategic plan with 8 Fairfield County districts to transform education within their own systems. The 8 county districts participating include:

- Amanda Clearcreek Local School District
- Berne Union Local School District
- Bloom Carroll Local School District
- Fairfield Union Local School District
- Lancaster City Schools
- Liberty Union Thurston Local School District
- Pickerington Local Schools
- Walnut Township Schools (Millersport)

Each district has assembled a team to be part of the FAST Forward Transformational Design Planning. All teams are in the early planning stages and the work outlined below showcases the initial phases of their transformation.





# Synopsis of FAST Forward Activities Dates Ranging From September 1st, 2014 to October 25th, 2014

| Event                        | Day<br>and<br>Time   | Location      | Major Objectives  | Additional Notes/Process planning for FAST Forward design team Planning  |
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| FAST Design Team Orientation | Saturday<br>Sept.<br>27 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014<br>9AM-<br>3PM | Fairfield ESC | <ul> <li>Overview of FAST Program</li> <li>Exploring what does change/transform ation mean for each district.</li> <li>Getting their staffs introduced to P3</li> <li>What strengths already exist within your respective districts? What is still a need in our community? What type of transformation are your kids hoping for?</li> <li>Calendar</li> <li>Initiative map</li> <li>Asset map</li> </ul> | 1) Rich Rosen gave a presentation to this group to explore transformation/ opportunity for change and the message of early adopters.  2) The Design Cycle is used as a transformation model/process to structure each of our sessions so they can see the growth & process over time (i.e. Day 1 is the brainstorm for the teams)  3) Work with the Fairfield ESC to continue to develop their plan for strategic work-Working with our partners to develop a RUBRIC for transformation  4) What parameters exist on the funds that each district will get for their work? Can be articulated within the rubric. |





| FAST<br>Quarter 2<br>PD                 | Friday<br>October<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2014  | Pickerington<br>Regional<br>Board | Quarterly     planning time for     teachers who have     successfully     completed P3  |    | 4 Districts attended these planning meetings to discuss use of P3 and quarterly planning. Many district representatives expressed disconnect in the understanding of the FAST Forward grant. In response The PAST Foundation team developed a 1-page logic model to describe the program.                                  |
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| 8 School<br>District Site<br>Charrettes | October 13 <sup>th</sup> - October 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2014  Time varies based on school district needs | At School<br>District<br>location | <ul> <li>Grant Overview</li> <li>Status update with<br/>8 FAST Design<br/>Teams</li> <li>Site Visit to<br/>explore<br/>possibilities of<br/>their<br/>transformation.</li> </ul> | 2) | 1) Much of the meetings focused around giving the FAST Design Teams an Overview of the FAST Grant, many of the teams and teachers were new to the conversation and needed an overview of this process.  All 8 districts are in the ideation phase of their work about how they will transform their schools and districts. |





## Professional Development

| FAST Design Team Project Planning Meeting #1 | Saturday<br>October<br>25 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014<br>9AM-<br>3PM | Pickerington<br>Ridgeview<br>Junior High<br>School | <ul> <li>What is their preliminary plan?</li> <li>Strategic planning will explore the questions below:</li> <li>Where are they at in reaching out to their community, and their staffs about the FAST program?         What resources and/or expertise are you looking for to help support your FAST work?</li> </ul> | 2) | What are the parameters of their funds? (i.e. no salaries can be paid with the funds obtained) What needs are the communities identifying in these districts for what direction this transformation can take. How are communities being involved in these projects?  2) How are school districts and Fairfield ESC exploring the idea of a sustainable idea? |
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### Appendices A-C

#### A: Agendas

- Event Calendar
- Important Deadlines
- Agendas
- Sign-In Sheets

#### B: Materials Developed for FAST Forward Teams and Program

- Initial Brainstorm
- Grant Information Flyer
- Big Picture Brainstorming Sheet
- Transformation Rubric
- Tangible Asset Map
- Initiatives Map
- Site Visit Form
- Participant Attendance

#### C: Professional Development Presentations

- Orientation Presentations from September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- Quarterly PD from October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 and
- Strategic Planning from October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014





#### **FAST Forward Program Events**

| Event   | Day & Time  | Major Goals   |
|---|---|---|
| FAST Design<br>Team<br>Orientation                    | Saturday<br>September 27 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014<br>9AM-3PM | <ul> <li>Overview of FAST Program</li> <li>Exploring what does change/transformation mean for each district.</li> <li>Getting staffs introduced to P3</li> <li>Calendar</li> <li>Initiative map</li> <li>Asset map</li> </ul>   |
| FAST Quarter 2<br>PD                                  | Friday October 3rd  | Quarterly planning time for teachers who have successfully completed P3   |
| FAST Design<br>Team Project<br>Planning<br>Meeting #1 | Saturday October<br>25 <sup>th</sup> , 2014<br>9AM-3PM      | <ul> <li>Strategizing their preliminary plan.</li> <li>Planning to build community partners in the process. Where are they at in reaching out to their community, and their staffs about the FAST program?</li> <li>Developing a resource need/want list with the teams to develop a plan for their grant funding.</li> </ul>                             |
| FAST Design<br>Team Project<br>Planning<br>Meeting #2 | Saturday<br>November 8 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014<br>9AM-3PM   | <ul> <li>Using their resource needs ideas from October; bring in a variety of experts the school districts could connect with in their thinking to make their plans come to fruition.</li> <li>Build their budgets; assess financial needs in their design.</li> <li>Design a schedule for their implementation plan from January 2015-onward.</li> </ul> |
| FAST Quarter 3<br>PD                                  | Friday December<br>5 <sup>th</sup> , 2014                   | Quarterly planning time for teachers who have successfully completed P3   |
| FAST Design<br>Team<br>Presentation                   | Saturday<br>December 6 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014              | <ul> <li>School Districts present their plan and ideas to be implemented in 2015</li> <li>Have plans ready to receive feedback for their plan and design.</li> <li>Examine the schedule for implementation.</li> <li>Mastery Rubric for their plan and presentation</li> </ul>  |
| FAST Design<br>Team<br>Implementation                 | Saturday January<br>17 <sup>th</sup> , 2015                 | <ul> <li>Present their plans to a board/audience/committee.</li> <li>Awarded with first part of their grant monies to implement their plan.</li> </ul>  |
| FAST Quarter 4<br>PD<br>FAST Program                  | Friday March 6th<br>2015<br>Saturday May 30,                | <ul> <li>Quarterly planning time for teachers who have<br/>successfully completed P3</li> <li>FAST Celebration of work and presentation of</li> </ul>   |
| Presentations FAST Quarter 1 PD                       | 2015<br>Friday June TBD<br>2015                             | planning to design to implementation.  • Quarterly planning time for teachers who have successfully completed P3  |









#### FAST (Fairfield Advancing Students and Teaching) Forward Important Dates FAST Forward Orientation Workshop DATE LOCATION ATTENDEES NOTES Fairfield County ESC Overview and Orientation for FAST Saturday, September 8 FAST Design 955 Liberty Drive Forward Program 27th,2014 Teams Lancaster,OH 43130 FAST Design Team Meetings DATE LOCATION ATTENDEES NOTES Saturday October 8 FAST Design Project Planning Meeting #1 In Fairfield County 25th, 2014 Teams Saturday November 8 FAST Design In Fairfield County Project Planning Meeting #2 8th, 2014 Teams FAST Design Teams Presentations Saturday December 8 FAST Design In Fairfield County and Preparation for funding 6th, 2014 Teams proposal Day Saturday January 8 FAST Design FAST Design Teams Present to a In Fairfield County 17th, 2015 panel for first round of funding. Teams

#### Charrettes (Site Visits)

| DATE   | LOCATION    | ATTENDEES                      | NOTES                              |
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| October  |             | Administrator,<br>FAST Design  | FAST staff visit your site to hear |
| (*Each school/district<br>schedules<br>individually) | Your School | Team,<br>community<br>partners | initial ideas and provide support. |





| FAST For                      | ward Quarterly Planr | ning Professiona  | al Development Days   |
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| DATE                          | LOCATION             | ATTENDEES   | NOTES   |
| Friday October 3rd,<br>2014   | In Fairfield County  | All teachers in<br>the county who<br>have completed<br>the Online P3<br>modules | Teachers will create and complete a<br>quarterly plan for their Trans-<br>disciplinary Problem Based<br>Learning(TPBL) work |
| Friday December 5th,<br>2014  | In Fairfield County  | All teachers in<br>the county who<br>have completed<br>the Online P3<br>modules | Teachers will create and complete a<br>quarterly plan for their Trans-<br>disciplinary Problem Based<br>Learning(TPBL) work |
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|                               | FAST Forward         | Celebration Pro   | ogram   |
| DATE                          | LOCATION             | ATTENDEES   | NOTES   |
| Saturday May 30th,<br>2015    | In Fairfield County  | 8 FAST Design<br>Teams  | FAST Forward Design Challenge<br>Celebration Program  |













#### **FAST Forward Design Team Orientation Day**

**Date**: September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 **Time**: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Location: Fairfield County ESC • 955 Liberty Drive •

Lancaster, OH 43130



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| Time            | Action Items   | Deliverables   | NOTES |
|-----------------|--|--|-------|
| 9:00AM-9:15AM   | <ul><li>Welcome</li><li>Orientation/Overview</li><li>Introduction to Basecamp</li></ul>  | Invited into<br>Basecamp   |       |
| 9:15AM-10:15AM  | <ul> <li>Rich Rosen Presentation on<br/>Change and Transformation<br/>in Organizations</li> </ul>  | Activity with Rich   |       |
| 10:15AM-10:25AM | • BREAK  |  |       |
| 10:25AM-11:45AM | <ul> <li>HABITS</li> <li>Brainstorm Habits</li> <li>Refine to top 6 Habits</li> <li>Define your chosen Habits</li> <li>Edit your descriptions</li> </ul> | Habits Poster<br>Creation  |       |
| 11:45AM-12:30PM | <ul> <li>LUNCH &amp; Gallery walk of<br/>Teams' Habit Posters</li> </ul>   |  |       |
| 12:30PM-1:30PM  | Tangible Assets Map  | Asset Mapping per district and/or school   |       |
| 1:30PM-2:30PM   | Initiatives Assets Map   | Current Initiative Map per district and/or school broken into: Instructional, Cultural, and Delivery System Assets |       |
| 2:30PM-3:00PM   | <ul> <li>Share our Asset Maps-<br/>Know what we have, and begin<br/>to know what we want!</li> </ul>   |  |       |





#### TPBL Quarterly Planning Professional Development Agenda for Fairfield County ESC October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

9:00AM-9:15AM: Welcome and Introductions

9:15AM-10:15AM: Introducing the Design Cycle

**10:15AM-12:00PM:** Developing a Back map and designing problems→projects→products for your students.

**12:00PM-12:15PM:** Sharing your big ideas and back map work.

12:15PM-1:00PM: Lunch on your own

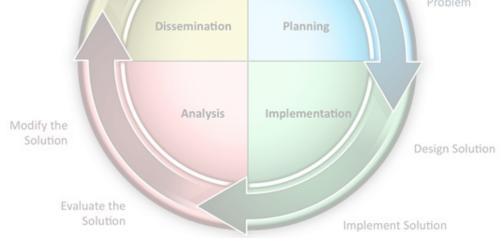
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**1:00PM-1:45PM:** Design 2 week project plans and project management in the classroom.

**1:45PM – 2:45PM:** Developing Project Snapshots and aligning standards.

2:45PM- 3:00PM: Share out and closing comments!

Brainstorm the Problem















#### FAST Forward Design Team Strategic Planning Day 1

**Date**: October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 **Time**: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Location: Pickerington Ridgeview Junior HS • 130 Hill

Road South • Pickerington, OH 43147



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| Time                | Action Items  | Deliverables   | NOTES |
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| 9:00AM-9:15AM       | <ul><li>Welcome</li><li>Grant Overview</li><li>Important Dates</li></ul>  | 1) Grant<br>Information 1<br>pager   |       |
| 9:15AM-<br>10:15AM  | <ul><li>Engagement in our schools</li><li>Knowledge Capture Survey</li></ul>  | 1) Engagement     Poster     2) Knowledge     Capture Survey   |       |
| 10:15AM-<br>12:00PM | What does     transformation/innovation     mean in your     district/school?      What changes can be made     without a cost? And, what     changes can be made with a     cost associated? | 1) Big Picture Planning  2) Transforming into a Learning Organization.   |       |
| 12:00PM-<br>12:30PM | • LUNCH   | Yay! Food!   |       |
| 12:30PM-2:30PM      | <ul> <li>Strategic Planning</li> <li>5 year plan for sustainable change.</li> <li>Strategic Plan Mapping and human capital impact.</li> </ul>   | Strategic plan mapping sheet.     Basecamp uploads.  |       |
| 2:30PM-3:00PM       | <ul> <li>Gallery Walk and FAST         Forward Design Team Share         out of planned         transformation/innovations     </li> </ul>  | Completed Map<br>and plan ready for<br>sharing with 8<br>district teams as<br>well as staff's back<br>in their home<br>district. |       |





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### FAST Program Initial Brainstorm for Events

| Event                           | Day and Time   | Location                    | Major Goals   | Additional Notes  | Professional<br>Development Staff                         | Knowledge<br>Capture Staff |
|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|---|---|----------------------------|
| FAST Design Team<br>Orientation | Saturday September 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2014  9AM-3PM    | Fairfield ESC               | Overview of FAST Program Exploring what does change/transform ation mean for each district. Getting their staffs introduced to P3 What strengths already exist within your respective districts? What is still a need in our community? What type of transformation are your kids hoping for? Calendar Initiative map Asset map | 1) Can we have Rich Rosen give a presentation to this group to explore transformation/opport unity for change? 2) Is there a transformation model/process that we could use as a way to structure each of our sessions so they can see the growth over time? (We will also use each day as a way to go through the design cycle, i.e. Day 1 is the brainstorm for these folks) 3) What is the Fairfield ESC hoping for within this realm of PD? 4) What parameters exist on the funds that each district will get for their work? | KP, SOS, Rich Rosen<br>& COSI Staff -Robin<br>Dungan      | JH, MGC,                   |
| FAST Quarter 2 PD               | Friday October 3rd                                     | Fairfield ESC               | Quarterly planning<br>time for teachers<br>who have<br>successfully<br>completed P3   |   | KP, SOS, KS<br>& COSI Staff Chelsie<br>Webster & Joe Wood |                            |
| 8 School District Site          | October 13 <sup>th</sup> -<br>October 16 <sup>th</sup> | At School District location |   |   | KP, SOS, LT   |                            |





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| o  | Time varies based<br>on school district<br>needs               |               |  |   |  |  |
| FAST Design Team<br>Project Planning<br>Meeting #1 | Saturday October<br>25 <sup>th</sup> , 201 <i>4</i><br>9AM-3PM | Fairfield ESC | What is their preliminary plan?     Where are they at in reaching out to their community, and their staffs about the FAST program?     What resources and/or expertise are you looking for to help support your FAST work?   | 1) What are the parameters of their funds? (i.e. no salaries can be paid with the funds obtained) 2) What needs are the communities identifying in these districts for what direction this transformation can take. How are communities being involved in these projects? 3) How are school districts and Fairfield ESC exploring the idea of a sustainable idea? | KP,SOS & COSI Staff –<br>Kurt Huffman  |  |
| FAST Design Team<br>Project Planning<br>Meeting #2 | Saturday November<br>8 <sup>th</sup> , 2014<br>9AM-3PM         | Fairfield ESC | Using their resource/experts needs ideas from October; bring in a variety of experts the school districts could connect with in their thinking to make their plans come to fruition.     Solidify their plan and begin a process to get their staffs, students, & communities involved with their plans. | Have districts explore their own access to resources, and expand on what they already have.   | SOS, KS(?)&COSI Staff-<br>Robin Dungan |  |



| nning KP, SOS, KS & COSI Staff-Rebecca Kelly Leonard Sparks   | cts 1) Give feedback to KP, SOS & COSI Staff- plan the teams. Kurt Huffman be 2) Receive lin modifications prior to their final proposals ion on Jan 17th, 2015 day.  | their joan plans plans tittee. h first grant peir  | KP, SOS, KS                 |
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| work.  Share their plan with all 8 districts to glean more ideas.  Quarterly planning time for teachers who have successfully | School Districts plan and ideas to be implemented in 2015     Have plans ready for presentation and post their work on this day.     Mastery Rubric for their plan and presentation presentation presentation | Schedule for their implementation plan.     Present their plans to a board/committee.     Awarded with first part of their grant monies to implement their plan. | Quarterly planning time for |
| Fairfield ESC   | Fairfield ESC   | Fairfield ESC  | Fairfield ESC               |
| Friday December 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2014  | Saturday December 6th, 2014   | Saturday January<br>17th, 2015   | Friday March 6th<br>2015    |
| FAST Quarter 3 PD   | FAST Design Team Presentation   | FAST Design Team<br>Implementation   | FAST Quarter 4 PD           |



|                              | KP, SOS  | KP, SOS   | KP, SOS, KS   |   |   |   |   |
|------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                              |  | 1) Work with teams to discuss what they experienced in this first year of planning and implementation. 2) How have they built capacity in their schools/districts 3) What has changed within their districts and programs 4) What is planned next in their implementation of FAST |   |   |   |   |   |
| successfully<br>completed P3 |  | FAST Celebration     of work and     presentation of     planning to     implementation   | Quarterly planning time for teachers who have successfully completed P3 | • | • | • | • |
|                              | Various locations<br>based on district<br>plan | Fairfield ESC   | Fairfield ESC   |   |   |   |   |
|                              | March 2015-April<br>2015                       | Saturday May 30,<br>2015  | Friday June TBD<br>2015   |   |   |   |   |
|                              | FAST Site Visits                               | FAST Program Presentations  | FAST Quarter 1 PD   |   |   |   |   |



Fairfield Advancing

districts to increase student engagement, personalize learning, and support college and career Fund. This is a network centric approach **to transform the educational systems in Fairfiel County.** The ultimate goal will be to TRANSFORM TEACHING and LEARNING across the 8 ready skills for ALL STUDENTS.

### Transforming Leadership

The Schlechty Center will train, coach, and support district transformational ORGANIZATIONS where continuous innovation, from the classroom to the eadership teams to SHIFT from bureaucratic institutions into LEARNING boardroom, becomes the norm.

## **FAST Forward Design Teams**

teams. These design teams can be school administrators, lead teachers, curriculum implement a plan to answer the question "What will transformation look like in our community?" The PAST Foundation will be thinking partner in this process to help The 8 major districts in the consortium will make up the FAST Forward design educational programming within their district. Each district will design and coordinators, and/or community members vested in TRANSFORMING the districts strategically plan their innovative designs.

# P3 Teacher Professional Development

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1,200 teachers in Fairfield will have had the opportunity to engage in TPBL training and the end goal is as always to Increase ACHIEVEMENT for all 25, 018 Fairfield PAST Innovation Lab will collaborate with teachers as they rethink instructional BASED LEARNING (TPBL) and STEM focused modules. By the end of year 2017, pedagogy and design, to develop high quality, TRANSDISCIPLINARY PROBLEM County Children.

## Success Center Fall of 2015

In the fall of 2015 a Success Center will be opened to serve Fairfield County students. The Success Center will offer multiple pathways to postsecondary success for any student in the county needing and wanting an alternative path!



Students & Teachers FORWARD Forward



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**Disabilities** 

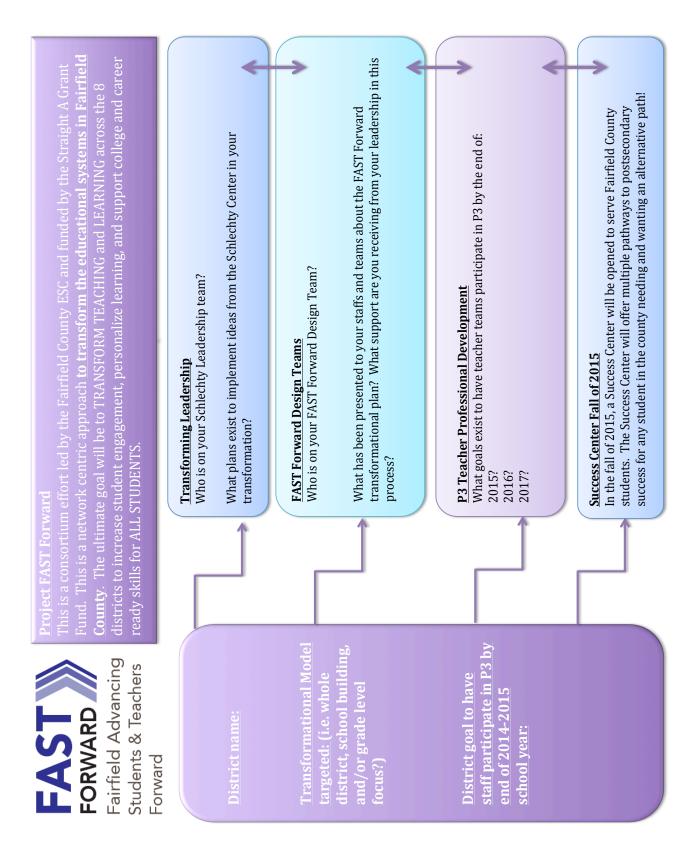
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### FAST Forward Transformation Strategic Planning Rubric

|                          | CRITERIA/ELEMENT OF                    | TRANSFORMATIVE                         | NOTES/COMMENTS/IDEAS |
|--------------------------|--|--|----------------------|
|                          | CHANGE                                 | Character                              |                      |
|                          | 2-3 No-cost CHANGE<br>ELEMENTS         | Change element impacts the school      |                      |
|                          | CHANGE ELEMENT 1:                      | district, local                        |                      |
|                          | CHANGE ELEMENT 1:<br>CHANGE ELEMENT 2: | community, and                         |                      |
| Changes                  | CHANCE ELEMENT 2.                      | Fairfield county                       |                      |
| Planned for              | 2. 2. CHANCE ELEMENTEC                 | Change element                         |                      |
| Transformati             | costs                                  | impacts the school                     |                      |
|                          | CHANGE ELEMENT 1:                      | district, local                        |                      |
|                          | CHANGE ELEMENT 2:                      | community, and                         |                      |
|                          | CHANGE ELEMENT 3:                      | Fairfield county                       |                      |
|                          | Student Engagement in                  | Students lead                          |                      |
|                          | Change Elements                        | change elements                        |                      |
|                          |  | with the planning                      |                      |
|                          |  | teams                                  |                      |
|                          | Teacher Engagement in                  | Non-Design team                        |                      |
|                          | Change Elements                        | teachers lead the                      |                      |
|                          |  | change element with                    |                      |
| Impact of                |  | the planning team                      |                      |
| Changes                  | Community Engagement in                | Local community                        |                      |
| Planned                  | Change Elements                        | lead change                            |                      |
|                          |  | elements planning                      |                      |
|                          |  | teams includes                         |                      |
|                          |  | Parents, Businesses,                   |                      |
|                          |  | Government<br>Officials and            |                      |
|                          |  | Agencies, Non-Profit                   |                      |
|                          |  | Organizations, &                       |                      |
|                          |  | Higher Ed.                             |                      |
|                          | P3 implementation plan                 | Teacher quarterly                      |                      |
|                          | (current-December 2017)                | plans from P3 and                      |                      |
|                          |  | professional                           |                      |
|                          |  | development are                        |                      |
|                          |  | monitored and                          |                      |
| 0                        |  | tracked for alignment with             |                      |
| Sustainability<br>Change | OI                                     | strategic plans                        |                      |
| Elements                 | Strategic plan is designed             | Partnerships formed                    |                      |
|                          | with maximizing Fairfield              | and planned                            |                      |
|                          | County into a shared                   | through the change                     |                      |
|                          | resource system. (i.e. 8               | elements designed                      |                      |
|                          | districts share, planning              | and solidified.                        |                      |
|                          | with The Success Center,               |  |                      |
|                          | etc.) Timeline                         | Change elements                        |                      |
|                          | 1 IIII EIIII E                         | with milestones,                       |                      |
|                          |  | design team report,                    |                      |
|                          |  | and modification                       |                      |
|                          |  | process are outlined                   |                      |
|                          |  | and documented.                        |                      |
|                          | FISCALLY SUSTAINABLE                   | Change elements                        |                      |
|                          | solutions                              | don't include                          |                      |
|                          |  | additional staffing/consultants.       |                      |
| Logistical               |  | Change elements are                    |                      |
| Planning of              |  | sustainable >5 years                   |                      |
| Transformati             | on                                     | beyond Straight A                      |                      |
|                          |  | funding                                |                      |
|                          | MONITOR                                | Change elements                        |                      |
|                          | PROGRESS/MANAGE                        | progress is managed                    |                      |
|                          |  | and monitored                          |                      |
|                          |  | within project sub                     |                      |
|                          |  | teams comprised of teachers, students, |                      |
|                          |  | and community                          |                      |
|                          |  | members                                |                      |
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|  | Tangible Asset N | пар                           |
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| Assets   | What We Have     | What We Would Consider Adding |
| Number of Bldgs in<br>FAST Project                 |                  |                               |
| TAGT FTOJECT                                       |                  |                               |
|  |                  |                               |
| Faculty Number of Teachers                         |                  |                               |
| Number of Specialists                              |                  |                               |
| Number of Paras                                    |                  |                               |
| Innovation Coordinators                            |                  |                               |
| Curriculum Coordinators                            |                  |                               |
|  |                  |                               |
| Staff  |                  |                               |
| Admin  |                  |                               |
| Facilities<br>Food                                 |                  |                               |
| 1 000  |                  |                               |
|  |                  |                               |
| Student Body Total Number of Students              |                  |                               |
| Average Class Size                                 |                  |                               |
|  |                  |                               |
|  |                  |                               |
| Classroom<br>Configurations                        |                  |                               |
| Number of large<br>classrooms                      |                  |                               |
| Number of expandable<br>classrooms                 | 1                |                               |
| Number of small classrooms                         |                  |                               |
|  |                  |                               |
| Number of large<br>gathering areas                 |                  |                               |
| External classrooms                                |                  |                               |
| Technology   |                  |                               |
| WIFI   |                  |                               |
| Smart Boards                                       |                  |                               |
| Elmo's   |                  |                               |
| TV<br>Internet Filter Used                         |                  |                               |
|  |                  |                               |
|  |                  |                               |
| Computing Capabilities                             |                  |                               |
| Ratio of laptops per<br>school to students         |                  |                               |
| Number of computer labs                            |                  |                               |
| Number of computer carts                           |                  |                               |
| Number of tablets per students                     |                  |                               |
| Number of iPods per<br>students                    |                  |                               |
| Ratio of Smart phones within student body          |                  |                               |
| within student body                                |                  |                               |
| Content Access                                     |                  |                               |
| Textbook usage                                     |                  |                               |
| Online class<br>management with<br>parental access |                  |                               |
| parental access                                    |                  |                               |
| conceptual homework                                |                  |                               |
|  |                  |                               |
| Course types                                       |                  |                               |
| Direct Instruction Looping classes                 |                  |                               |
| Blended classes                                    |                  |                               |
| Flex Instruction classes                           |                  |                               |
| Asynchronous Distance<br>Learning courses          |                  |                               |
| Hybrid courses                                     |                  |                               |
| Dani Cabanta                                       |                  |                               |
| Day Schedule Bell system Y/N                       |                  |                               |
| Number of periods                                  |                  |                               |
| Block schedule system if applicable                |                  |                               |
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| Buddy Schools                                      |                  |                               |
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| Community<br>Partnerships                          |                  |                               |
| PTSO   |                  |                               |
| 4H   |                  |                               |
| Gardening Club                                     |                  |                               |
| FFA  |                  |                               |
|  |                  |                               |
| Reporting  |                  |                               |
| Letter Grade<br>Mastery                            |                  |                               |
| rematery   |                  |                               |
|  |                  |                               |
|  |                  |                               |
| Instructional Strategy                             |                  |                               |
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| Cultural Strategy                                  |                  |                               |
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| Delivery System                                    |                  |                               |





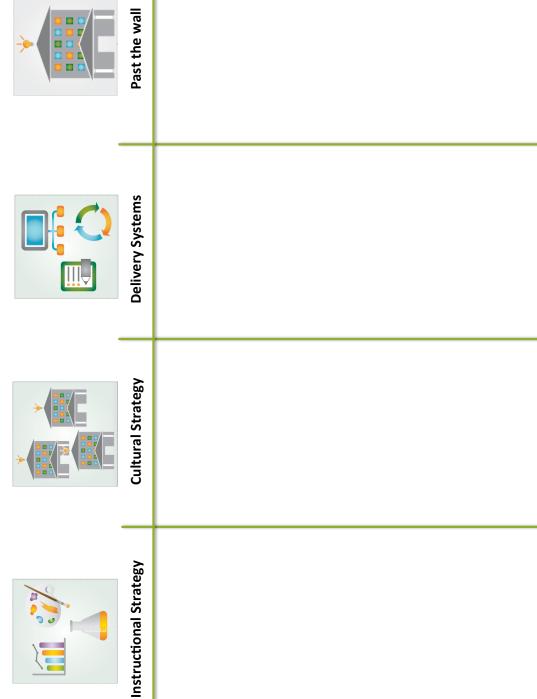






### SETTING THE STAGE

# Your School's Initiatives Categorize







### Fairfield Advancing



| FAST Forward Initial Site Visit  |
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| School:  |
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| Address:   |
|  |
| Date:  |
|  |
| FAST Forward Design Team Members & Community Partners Present                      |
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| What are some initial ideas the design team has brainstormed for transformation?   |
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| 2) How has the FAST Forward Program been presented to the entire staff/larger      |
| audience? What was the feedback/response?  |
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| 3) What 2-3 changes can you implement that would have no cost associated?          |
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| 4) What 2-3 changes can you implement that would have a cost associated?           |
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| 5) What is the plan to begin having your teachers and staffs participate in the P3 |
| program?   |
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| 6) Additional staff development needs:   |
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| 7) Notes, observations, attachments:   |
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|               |                              |                              | FAST Orientation |         |          |         |         |         | Charette | Р3   |
| Name          | Title                        | Email                        | 9/27/14          | 10/3/14 | 10/25/14 | 11/8/14 | 12/6/14 | 1/17/15 | 10/24/14 |      |
| Laurie Pugh   | Kindergarten Teacher         | laurie.pugh@amanda.K12.oh.us | x                | x       | x        |         |         |         | x        |      |
| Brynn Hoffman | Special Education/ Curricula | brynn.hoffman@amanda.K12.oh. | X                | x       | /        |         |         |         | /        |      |
| Becky Wagner  | Principal                    | becky.wagner@amanda.K12.oh.u | X                | x       | /        |         |         |         | x        |      |
| Andy Perkins  | 3rd Grade Teacher            | aperkins@amanda.K12.oh.us    | X                | x       | x        |         |         |         | /        |      |
| Sarah Milam   | 1st Grade Teacher            | sarah milam@amanda.K12.oh.us | /                | /       | x        |         |         |         | x        |      |
|               |                              |                              |                  |         |          |         |         |         |          |      |
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|                  |                         |                          | FAST Forward     | Participant A | ttendance I        | nformation | : Berne Uni | on Local |                                |    |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|----------|--------------------------------|----|
|                  |                         |                          | FAST Orientation | Quarterly PD  | <b>Design Team</b> | Meetings   |             |          | Charette                       | P3 |
| Name             | Title                   | Email                    | 9/27/14          | 10/3/14       | 10/25/14           | 11/8/14    | 12/6/14     | 1/17/15  | 10/16/14                       |    |
| David McManis    | <b>Tech Coordinator</b> | mcmanisd@buschools.com   |                  | ×             | x                  |            |             |          | x                              |    |
| Tirso Valenzuela | Math Dept. Chair        | valenzuela@buschools.com |                  | ×             | x                  |            |             |          | /                              |    |
| Paul Alford      | Curriculumn Coor        | palford@fairfieldesc.org |                  | x             | /                  |            |             |          | /                              |    |
| Jon Parker       | Principal- HS           | parkerj@buschools.com    |                  | x             | /                  |            |             |          | x                              |    |
|                  |                         |                          |                  |               |                    |            |             |          | Craig Heath Guidance Counselor |    |
|                  |                         |                          |                  |               |                    |            |             |          |                                |    |
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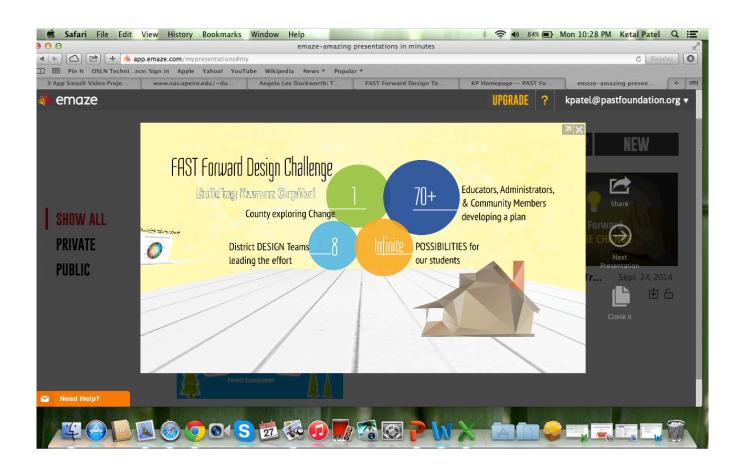


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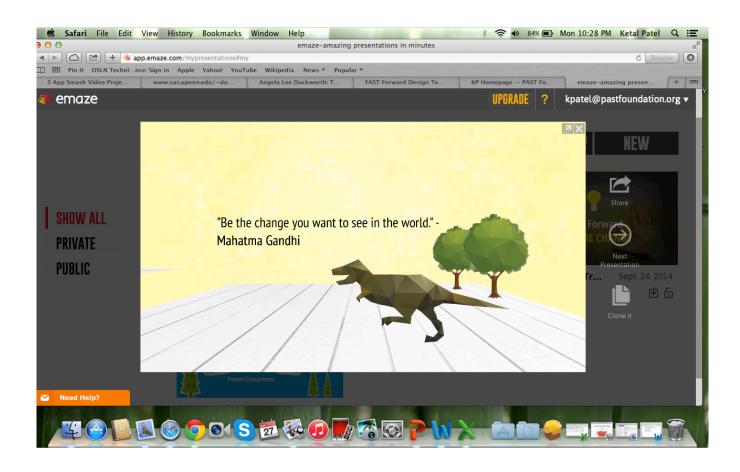




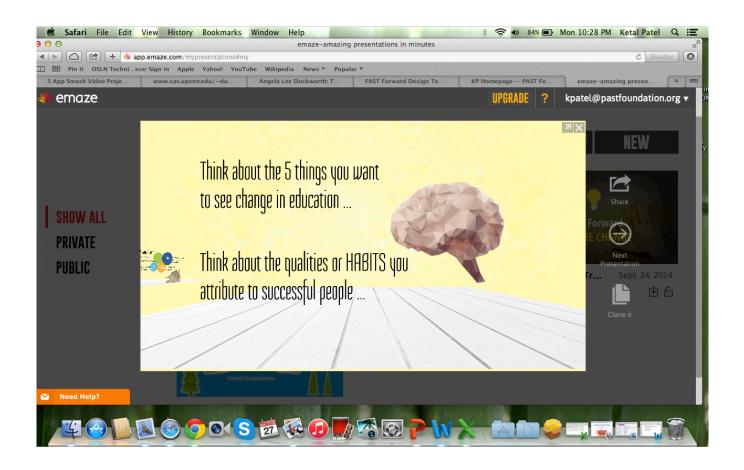




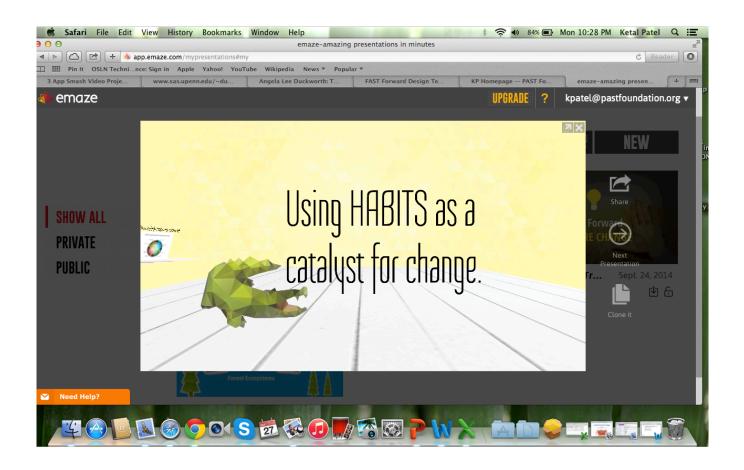




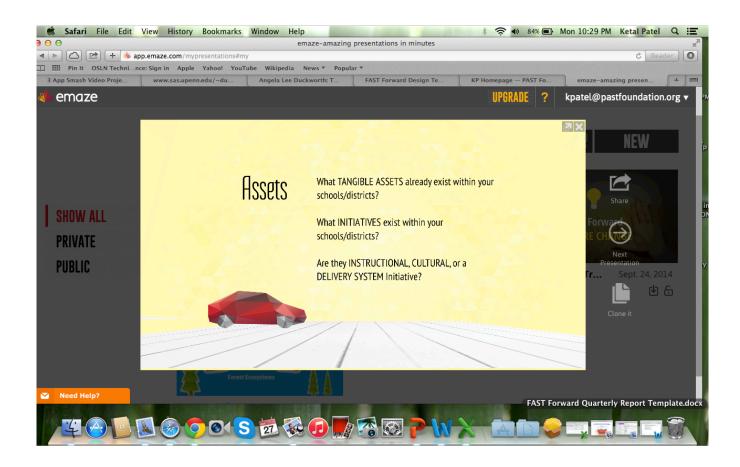




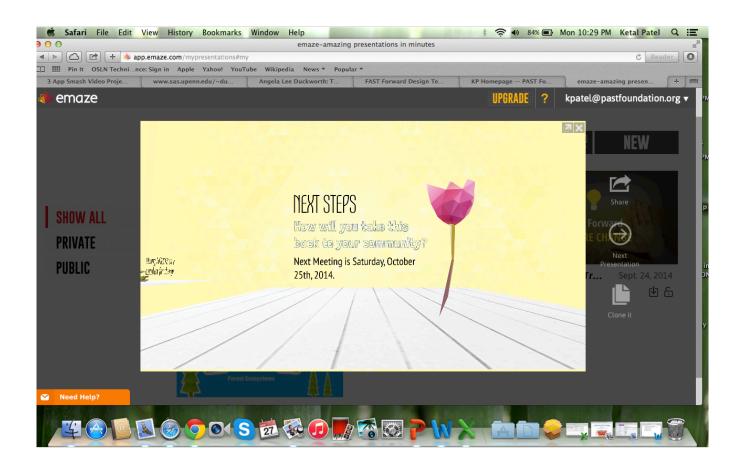




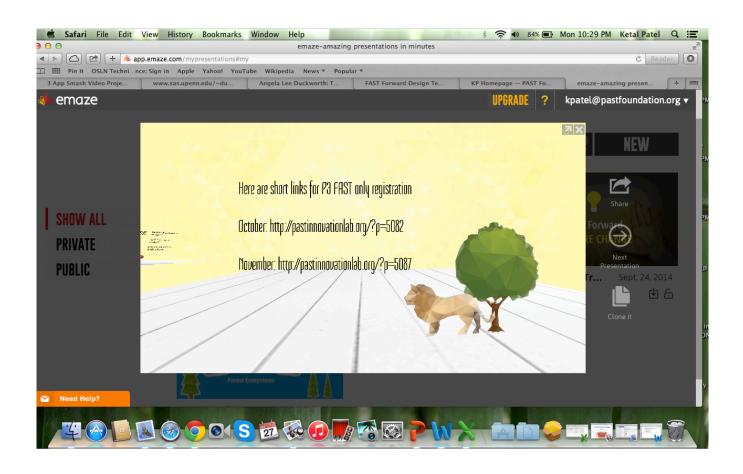












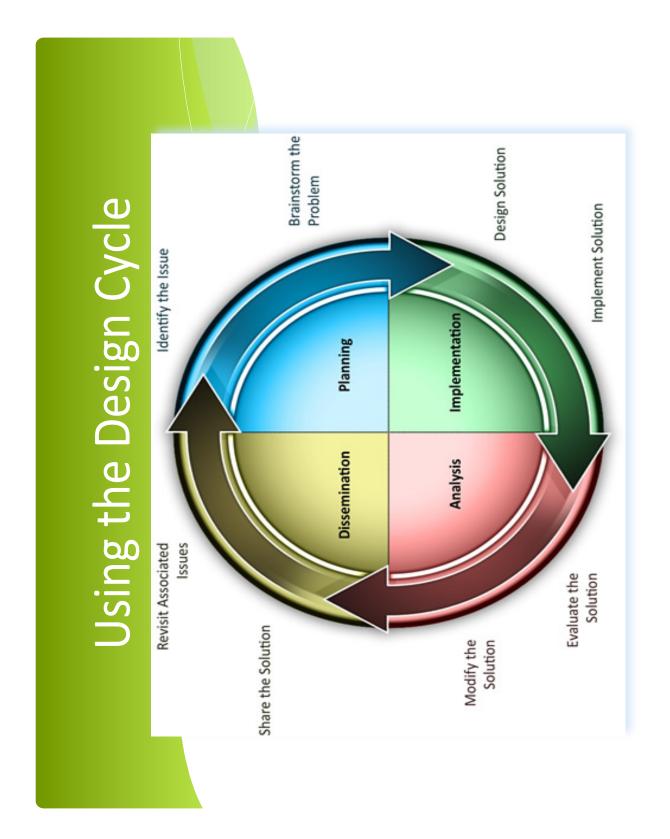


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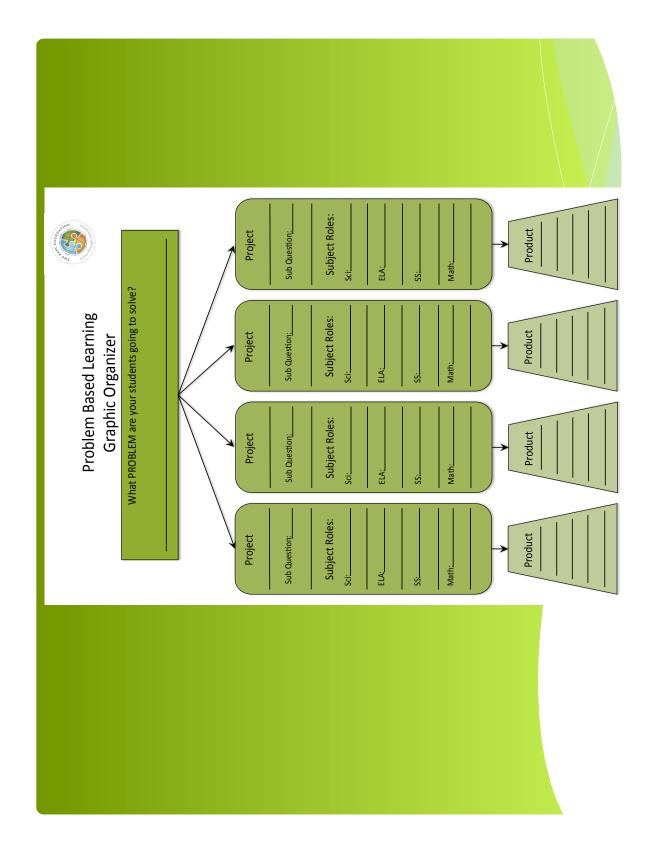














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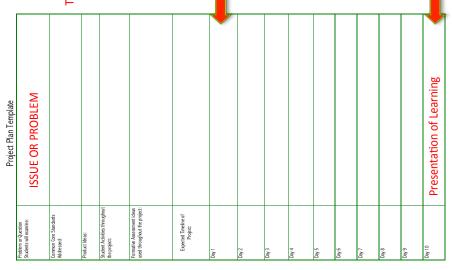
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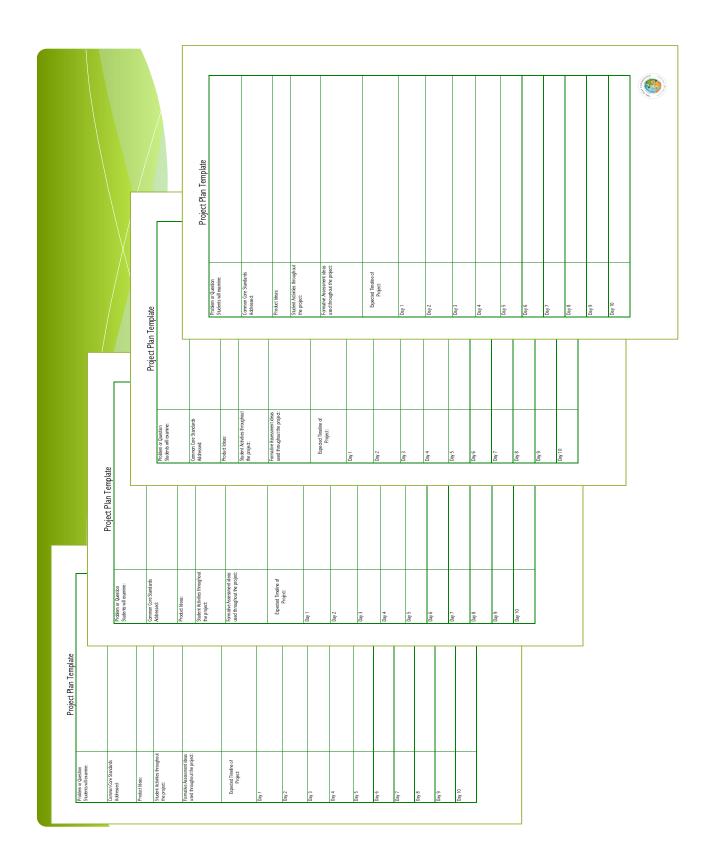
Activities that scaffold concepts, toward a culminating product A product or products allow for differentiated learning styles

Observations that can be translated into Quantitative Data

Brainstorm the Problem, Define Products, Create Rubric, Outline types of research Target Goals help Teachers manage projects, and retain a clear picture of the goals









## How do you make the Design Principles Your Own?

Share: Let's share our solutions with a wide audience that we defined at the brainstorm.

we want it to do. Let's Modify: What do we does accomplish what do it before we share. need to do to change our product to so it

issue or problem. What do we kind of Brainstorm: Let's Talk about this solutions can we come up with. Who needs to see or hear our solution?

Research? What will our solution Design: What do we know? What do we need to know? look like?

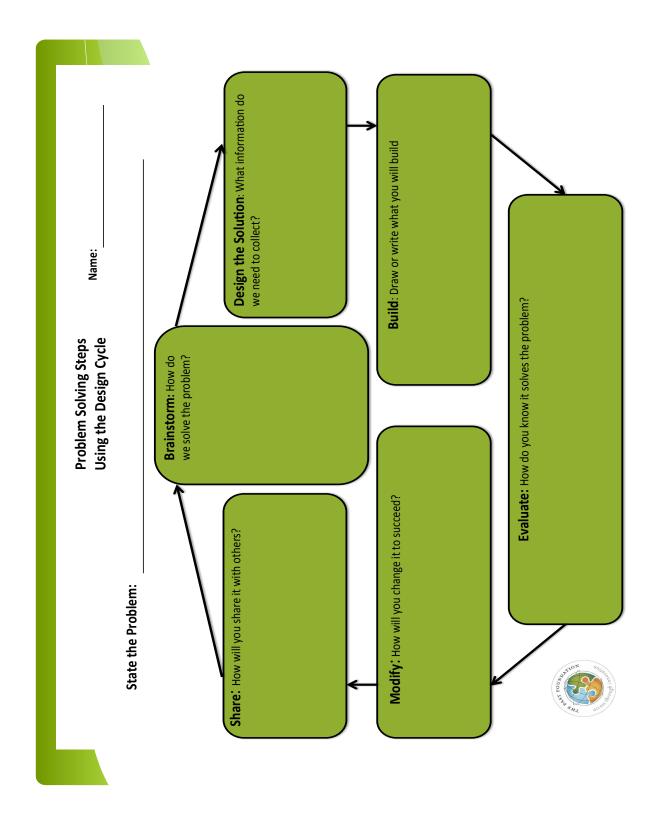
**Build:** Time to build the product that is our solution.

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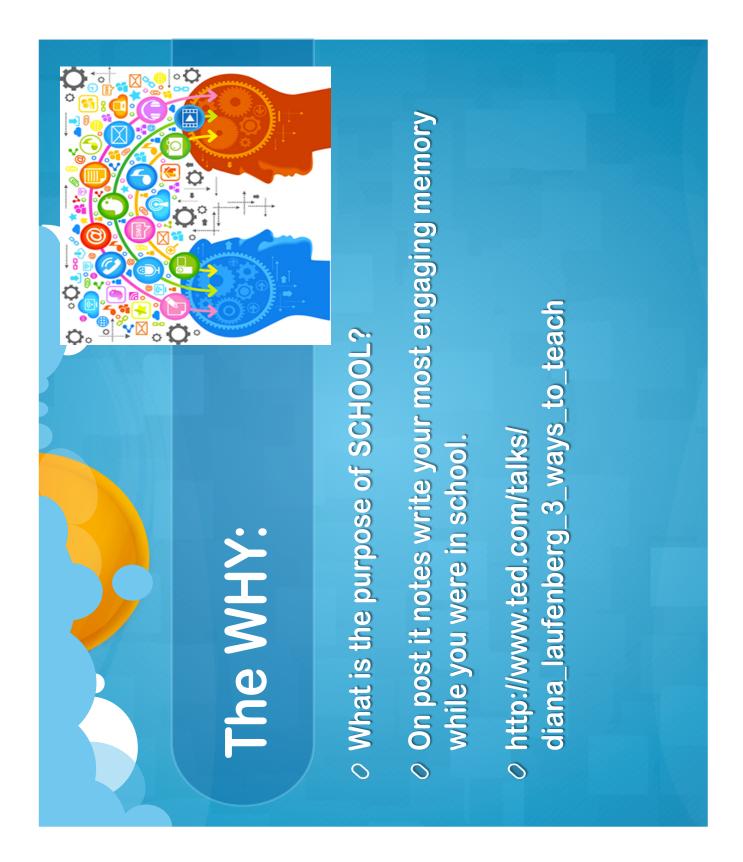


















# The "Lone" Dancer Brainstorming

- ·Remember our video of the "lone" dancer
- ways to change school (one idea per post-it Brainstorm as many ideas as possible on note)
- •The wackier the better ☺ (it's ok to be the lone dancer with these idea)
- Divide your post it into the ideas that will cost money and those that will not cost money

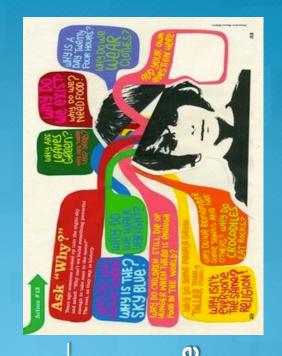




## TedTalk: Design for Change

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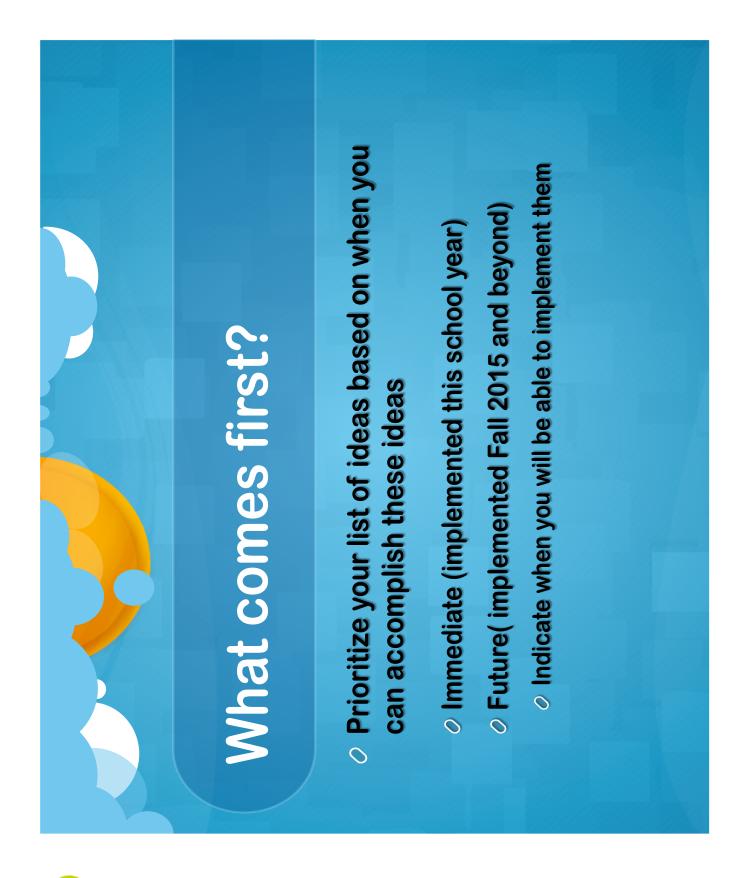
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### Developing your strategy Map

 On your large strategy map, lay out a timeline of when your ideas will be implemented ·Identify who will be the lead for implemented the ideas (think beyond your design team)

Change bell schedule (Scheduling planning committee led by Ms.Smith)

Install wifi around town (Wifi installation team led by Mrs. Jones, Technical Director of Time Warner Cable) Cost: \$10,000









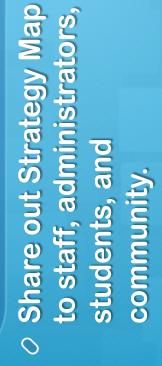








### Homework



In your own classrooms w/ students, parent meetings, a community town hall, social media, informal chats....









### P3 Participations and Planning

For the FAST Forward Design Teams, the launch and announcement of the grant was rolled out on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. At this time, partners of the Fairfield County ESC were announced and introduced to the 8 districts. For our FAST Forward teams, there was a concerted effort to give them at least a baseline vocabulary to begin working with The PAST Foundation through the process of transformation. This baseline vocabulary and process was assembled for the Fairfield County school districts via The PAST Foundation P3 modules. The 8 modules were compiled and developed onto a USB drive for all of the teams. A key person was identified from each of the 8 districts and offered a chance to view the P3 modules and help distribute the information to their fellow FAST Forward Design Team members.

Major opportunities and constraints exist with sharing the modules via the USB method. Some constraints that existed in using this model were that teams experienced technical difficulty in using the USB and viewing the 8 modules. Unintentionally this created frustration for the Administrators and teachers who were trying to access the content. In addition to the technical difficulties districts faced, some administrators and teachers were never able to view the modules prior to the September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 FAST Forward Orientation Meeting for a variety of reasons, from unable to access via their existing technologies in districts and/or information not being transferred/shared with members of the teams. The PAST Foundation staff has been working diligently to provide technical support and/or offer alternative solutions and strategies to access P3 when it can be most appropriately supported and implemented within the individual districts.

The P3 Orientation on the USB and daylong Orientation helped start the necessary dialogue for change. By developing the P3 modules on the USB, there have been opportunities experienced thus far. In addition, we meet with teams individually prior to their first FAST Orientation meeting to discuss the many opportunities that exist within this grant to develop systems and programs that are culturally relevant to students and communities. The P3 content via USB allowed FAST Forward Design Team Administrators a chance to view and assess the content in order to tap key change makers for their faculty and teams. Although we offered P3 in both September and October, we expect the first large group of early adopters to register for the P3 online course in November of 2014. It is anticipated that 20-25 teachers and administrators will be participating this upcoming November of 2014.



| School<br>District                             | P3 Modules<br>USB<br>Received<br>on: | Initial<br>Meeting<br>Date | Had at least 1 member of FAST Design Team View the USB | Has an intention to participate in the November Course offering of P3 | Is planning to utilize<br>the resource of P3<br>in their<br>transformation<br>planning at some<br>point up to 2017 |
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| Amanda<br>Clearcreek<br>LSD                    | 09/19/2014                           | 09/19/2014                 | No   | No  | Yes  |
| Berne Union<br>LSD                             | 9/16/2014                            | Not<br>Applicable          | Yes  | No  | No   |
| Bloom<br>Carroll LSD                           | 09/03/2014                           | 09/23/2014                 | Yes  | No  | No   |
| Fairfield<br>Union LSD                         | 09/03/2014                           | 09/15/2014                 | Yes  | Yes   | Yes  |
| Lancaster<br>City Schools                      | 09/12/2014                           | 09/12/2014                 | No   | Yes   | Yes  |
| Liberty<br>Union<br>Thurston<br>LSD            | 09/22/2014                           | 09/22/2014                 | Yes  | No  | Yes  |
| Pickerington<br>LSD                            | 09/03/2014                           | 9/22/2014                  | Yes  | No  | Yes  |
| Walnut<br>Township<br>Schools<br>(Millersport) | 09/03/2014                           | 09/11/2014                 | No   | No  | Yes  |





### Appendices D-E

### D: P3 Information

- Syllabus
- Credit Options Flyer
- Information Sheet

E: P3 Course Schedule 2014-2015



### P3: Introduction to Transdisciplinary Problem-Based Learning Course Overview

Dates: Four Weeks

**Delivery:** Online

Instructor: Kat Deaner, PAST STEM Coordinator

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**Overview:** This introductory course provides an overview of the instructional strategies associated with Transdisciplinary Problem-Based Learning, a 21st century model used to deliver instruction. This course covers the antecedents of the process as well as the innovative system used to develop a culture of learning that resonates with the specific community in which the instruction is delivered. The process explores all components of building TPBL from establishing school habits which impact a school's instructional climate to demonstrating gained knowledge, to benchmarking progress, which defines success for students and teachers.

Format: We will use Basecamp<sup>™</sup> as our online platform and each of you will be invited to join. If you do not have an account, it is free and easy to create. Directions to create a Basecamp<sup>™</sup> account will be emailed to you along with the invitation to join. Each weekly module includes the following: 1) watch podcasts, 2) complete extension activities which will include viewing additional videos and answering 2-3 discussion questions, 3) complete the corresponding templates/deliverables, and 4) participate in a live weekly virtual discussion.

Schedule: Links to the modules and extension activities will be posted on Basecamp<sup>™</sup>. You will have one week to watch the podcasts and extension videos and complete the deliverables. We will have a virtual orientation meeting via Zoom<sup>™</sup> for an overview of the course. Additionally, there will be four weekly virtual discussions using the same Zoom<sup>™</sup> link (see link and schedule below). During the weekly virtual discussions, we will have discussion topics and each participant will present their work.

Login to Virtual Weekly Brainstorm Meetings via Zoom™

Time: Link:

Join by phone:

Meeting ID:







### Credit Options through P3

### CEU (Ohio Continuing Education Unit) Option

2 CEUs [Free]

- Reviewing the specified modules and resources in the time allotted
- Participating in the weekly Virtual Brainstorms
- Completing the specified deliverables plus 1 Backmap, 1 2wk Planner & 1 Snapshot Must apply for CEUs at beginning of course

### Collegiate Credit: Ashland University Option

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- Reviewing the specified modules and resources in the time allotted
- Participating in the weekly Virtual Brainstorms
- Completing the specified deliverables associated with number of credit hours Must register and pay for course in the first week of course Contact Ellen Cahill Ph.D. ecahill@fairfieldesc.org

### Collegiate Credit: Dakota Wesleyan University Option

2 Credits @ \$70/credit (total \$140) [599 TPBL Course for Accreditation Renewal]

- Reviewing the specified modules and resources in the time allotted
- Participating in the weekly Virtual Brainstorms
- Completing the specified deliverables throughout plus 1 Backmap, 4 2wk Planners, & 4 Snapshots.

Must register and pay for course in the first week of course Contact Kat Deaner - kdeaner@pastfoundation.org











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### FAST Forward 8 District Narrative Content

The 8 districts involved with the FAST Forward program are at different stages in their consideration of transformation. Each district is engaged in the process of assembling a team, initiating one-on-one meetings, attending PAST Foundation Professional Development Sessions, and hosting site visits. The 8 districts are engaging at varying levels in the transformation process as they begin to explore the concept of change for the students and communities.

Much of the work in this first quarter is around ideation of change and envisioning around innovative new programming, many of the school districts are developing preliminary ideas to utilize within their communities. These ideas will be further developed through the FAST Forward process so that Design Teams can build a concrete strategy and plan so that they are able to implement real changes that benefit students and community. Ultimately, through FAST Forward each district will develop a unique pilot that has innovation and sustainability built into the process.

The PAST Foundation Team has been working with all 8 districts individually as well as in groups to empower brainstorming around designing change that fuels transformation. The FAST Forward Design Teams have been tasked with answering the question "What will transformation look like in your individual districts?" This coupled with our strategic process of having educator teams develop culturally relevant solutions for the students and communities has been integral in moving the FAST Forward Teams into a discussion of change opportunities versus systemic barriers in school districts today. There has been a heavy emphasis placed on having teams develop change elements that will have no cost associated to create a lasting impact for their students, alongside change that only requires initial stimulus funding to get started. As teams solidify their plans, they will invite community partners to the conversation, as well as share their plans with an authentic community, FAST Forward, audience in January of 2015.

All of the FAST Forward Design Teams are in their initial planning stages of work. The goals of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter have been to develop a team, brainstorm various innovative solutions for each districts, and to begin envisioning the transformation process and goals. To highlight the work and describe the process, the district narratives will outline the following:

- FAST Forward Design Team Members
- Participation in Transformation work through meeting and events
- Engagement in the Ideation Phase of Transformation through their preliminary planning.





### Amanda Clearcreek Local School District

| FAST Forward Design Team Members |                               |                        |  |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Name                             | Title                         | Date Added to the Team |  |
| Becky Wagoner                    | K-2 Principal                 | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Laurie Pugh                      | Kindergarten Teacher          | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Andy Perkins                     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Brynn Hoffman                    | Curriculum Coordinator        | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Sarah Milam                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher | 10/24/2014             |  |
|                                  | Total Team Members            | 5                      |  |

| Event   | <u>Date</u>                                    | FAST Forward Design<br>Team Participants | Meeting Outcomes  |
|---|--|--|---|
| Initial Meeting to<br>discuss FAST<br>Forward Program | Friday<br>September<br>19 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 | 1 Administrator Present                  | <ul> <li>Able to share FAST Grant<br/>information with Administrator</li> <li>Offer ideas to build a FAST<br/>Forward Design Team</li> </ul>  |
| FAST Design Team<br>Orientation                       | Saturday<br>Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014   | 4 FAST Forward Team members present      | <ul><li>Meet Design team for the first time.</li><li>Initial Brainstorm of change</li></ul>   |
| FAST Quarter 2 PD                                     | Friday<br>October 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,<br>2014    | 4 FAST Forward Team members present      | <ul> <li>Introduction to Transdisciplinary<br/>Problem Based Learning Work</li> </ul>   |
| Amanda<br>Clearcreek Site<br>Visit                    | Friday<br>October 24 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014   | 3 FAST Forward Team<br>members present   | <ul> <li>Sharing of some opportunities &amp; constraints the Amanda         Clearcreek Team views in this process.</li> <li>Would like more Admin and Central Office Support</li> </ul>                             |
| FAST Design Team<br>Project Planning<br>Meeting #1    | Saturday<br>October 25 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014 | 3 FAST Forward Team<br>members present   | <ul> <li>Teachers from the team worked to develop a strategic plan to implement change within their district.</li> <li>Brainstormed possibilities to bring more 6-12 participation into the conversation</li> </ul> |





- Initial meeting was to explore the creation of a FAST Forward Design Team.
- Teachers participating with the FAST Forward Design Team feel very enthusiastic and see numerous possibilities to engage students and their community through this transformation.
- Teachers on the Design Team have expressed a lack of support from Administration to implement, are still moving forward and would like to develop a plan that will engage their community and 6-12 programming in Amanda Clearcreek Schools.





### Berne Union Local School District

| FAST Forward Design Team Members |                           |            |  |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|--|
| Name                             | Title Date Added to the T |            |  |
| David McManis                    | Tech Coordinator          | 10/03/2014 |  |
| Tirso Valenzuela                 | Math Dept. Chair          | 10/03/2014 |  |
| Paul Alford                      | Curriculum Coordinator    | 10/03/2014 |  |
| Jon Parker                       | Principal- HS             | 10/03/2014 |  |
|                                  | Total Team Members        | 4          |  |

| Event   | <u>Date</u>                                    | FAST Forward Design<br>Team Participants                           | Meeting Outcomes  |
|---|--|--|---|
| Initial Meeting to<br>discuss FAST<br>Forward Program | Not<br>applicable                              |  |   |
| FAST Design<br>Team Orientation                       | Saturday<br>Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014   | No FAST Forward Team members present                               |   |
| FAST Quarter 2<br>PD                                  | Friday<br>October 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,<br>2014    | 4 FAST Forward Team<br>members present                             | <ul> <li>Introduction to Transdisciplinary         Problem Based Learning Work     </li> <li>Also provided background         information of FAST Forward         Program distributed at the orientation.     </li> </ul> |
| Berne Union Site<br>Visit                             | Thursday<br>October 16 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014 | 3 FAST Forward Team<br>members t & Guidance<br>Counselor<br>presen | <ul> <li>Would like to use funds to purchase technology</li> <li>Are still brainstorming how to involve more teachers and students in this process.</li> </ul>  |
| FAST Design<br>Team Project<br>Planning<br>Meeting #1 | Saturday<br>October 25 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014 | 2 FAST Forward Team<br>members present                             | <ul> <li>Teachers from the team worked to develop a strategic plan to implement change within their district.</li> <li>Are very hesitant to share information with their whole staff &amp; community</li> </ul>           |



- Berne Union team engaged at the start of October for the FAST Forward Design Planning.
- A heavy emphasis in their planning has been to purchase more technology for their k-12 programming.
- Teacher and Technology Coordinator on the team are beginning the brainstorming, hesitant to share the process and information with staff and community.
- Team needs more support to develop how the students will engage with any purchased materials in a meaningful manner.





### Bloom Carroll Local School District

| FAST Forward Design Team Members |                    |                        |  |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--|
| Name                             | Title              | Date Added to the Team |  |
| Steve Rozeski                    | Principal          | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Jodi Ranegar                     | Curriculum         | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Emily Bogart                     | 4th Grade Teacher  | 10/24/2014             |  |
| Kari Kern                        | 3rd Grade Teacher  | 10/24/2014             |  |
| Abby Love                        | 4th Grade Teacher  | 10/24/2014             |  |
| Laura Varga                      | 3rd Grade Teacher  | 10/24/2014             |  |
|                                  | Total Team Members | 6                      |  |

| Event   | <u>Date</u>                                     | FAST Forward Design<br>Team Participants                   | Meeting Outcomes   |
|---|---|--|--|
| Initial Meeting to<br>discuss FAST<br>Forward Program | Tuesday<br>September<br>23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2014 | 2 FAST Forward Team<br>members present &<br>Superintendent | <ul> <li>Able to share FAST Grant<br/>information with Administrator &amp;<br/>Curriculum Coordinator</li> <li>Offer ideas to build a FAST<br/>Forward Design Team</li> </ul>                              |
| FAST Design<br>Team Orientation                       | Saturday<br>Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014    | 2 FAST Forward Team<br>members present                     | <ul><li>Still developing a Design Team</li><li>Initial Brainstorm of change</li></ul>  |
| FAST Quarter 2<br>PD                                  | Friday<br>October 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,<br>2014     | Not Present  |  |
| Bloom Carroll<br>Site Visit                           | Friday<br>October 24 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014    | 6 FAST Forward Team<br>members present                     | <ul> <li>Gave a grant overview for the newly assembled team</li> <li>Newly assembled team have not explored transformation and change by this date.</li> </ul>   |
| FAST Design<br>Team Project<br>Planning<br>Meeting #1 | Saturday<br>October 25 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014  | 5 FAST Forward Team<br>members present                     | <ul> <li>Fist time team has worked together to vision transformation for Bloom Carroll</li> <li>Brainstormed possibilities for a Math Lab at the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade level.</li> </ul> |



- Bloom Carroll has not developed a team at the start of quarter 1, they have identified a Curriculum Coordinator and a Principal to participate in the process.
- The Bloom Carroll site visit was the first contact for the FAST Design Team; time was utilized to give an overview of the goals of the grant and transformation.
- The Bloom Carroll team to begin brainstorming utilized the October 25th Strategy session. This initial meeting for the team lead to brainstorming of surface changes, the team will need time and support to develop these into truly substantial changes for transformation.





### Fairfield Union Local School District

| FAST Forward Design Team Members |                                    |                        |  |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Name                             | Title                              | Date Added to the Team |  |
| Eydie Schilling                  | Curriculum Coordinator             | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Amanda King                      | Intervention Specialist            | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Chris Walton                     | Principal- Rushville Middle School | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Stephanie McCoy                  | 5th Grade Teacher-Rushville        | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Kernie Kistler                   | Teacher                            | 09/27/2014             |  |
| April Totten                     | Math Teacher                       | 10/25/2014             |  |
| Molly Elder                      | 2nd grade teacher                  | 10/25/2014             |  |
| Scott Burke                      | Teacher                            | 10/25/2014             |  |
|                                  | Total Team Members                 | 8                      |  |

| Event   | <u>Date</u>                                     | FAST Forward Design<br>Team Participants | Meeting Outcomes   |
|---|---|--|--|
| Initial Meeting to<br>discuss FAST<br>Forward Program | Monday<br>September<br>15 <sup>th</sup> , 2014  | Administrator Meeting                    | <ul> <li>Able to share FAST Grant<br/>information with Administrators</li> <li>Discussed stipend information</li> </ul>  |
| FAST Design<br>Team Orientation                       | Saturday<br>Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014    | 5 FAST Forward Team<br>members present   | <ul><li>Meet Design team for the first<br/>time.</li><li>Initial Brainstorm of change</li></ul>  |
| FAST Quarter 2<br>PD                                  | Friday<br>October 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,<br>2014     | Not Present                              |  |
| Fairfield Union<br>Site Visit                         | Wednesday<br>October 22 <sup>nd</sup> ,<br>2014 | 2 FAST Forward Team<br>members present   | <ul> <li>Sharing of some opportunities &amp; constraints the Fairfield Union Team views in this process.</li> <li>Would like to share the FAST program properly with their school teams</li> </ul> |
| FAST Design<br>Team Project<br>Planning<br>Meeting #1 | Saturday<br>October 25 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014  | 7 FAST Forward Team<br>members present   | <ul> <li>Whole team worked to develop a strategic plan to implement change within their district.</li> <li>Brainstormed possibilities to implement no cost changes</li> </ul>                      |





- Fairfield Union has large support from administration and central office.
- The Fairfield Union FAST Forward Design Team sees the possibility and opportunity to connect the FAST and Growing SOIL Program.
- The site visit was a candid conversation with the MS Principal and a teacher from the design team to be strategic and meaningful in their presentation to their larger staff, students, and community.
- Utilized the Strategic planning session to plan and design a k-12 roll out that would begin with their team taking advantage of the P3 programming available to the county.





### Lancaster City School District

| FAST Forward Design Team Members |                                  |                        |  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Name                             | Title                            | Date Added to the Team |  |
| Jeffrey Wells                    | Teacher                          | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Chad Rice                        | Secondary Curriculum             | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Sarah Collins                    | School Counselor                 | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Steve Spangler                   | Dean of Students                 | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Jeri Hartley                     | Teacher- HS                      | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Nathan Conrad                    | Assistant Principal- High School | 09/27/2014             |  |
|                                  | Total Team Members               | 6                      |  |

| Event   | Date   | FAST Forward Design                    | Meeting Outcomes  |
|---|--|--|---|
| - LVCIII  | <u> </u>                                       | Team Participants                      | meeting outcomes  |
| Initial Meeting to<br>discuss FAST<br>Forward Program | Friday<br>September<br>12 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 | Administrator Meeting                  | <ul> <li>Able to share FAST Grant<br/>information with Administrators</li> <li>Discussed FAST Team<br/>construction</li> </ul>  |
| FAST Design<br>Team Orientation                       | Saturday<br>Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014   | 6 FAST Forward Team<br>members present | <ul><li>Meet Design team for the first<br/>time.</li><li>Initial Brainstorm of change</li></ul>   |
| FAST Quarter 2<br>PD                                  | Friday<br>October 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,<br>2014    | 4 FAST Forward Team members present    | <ul> <li>Introduction to Transdisciplinary<br/>Problem Based Learning Work</li> </ul>   |
| Lancaster Site<br>Visit                               | Tuesday<br>October 21 <sup>st</sup> ,<br>2014  | 2 FAST Forward Team<br>members present | <ul> <li>Sharing of Lancaster site and<br/>status of FAST Program</li> <li>Very little sharing of FAST<br/>program with other staff or<br/>community</li> </ul>                       |
| FAST Design<br>Team Project<br>Planning<br>Meeting #1 | Saturday<br>October 25 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014 | 6 FAST Forward Team<br>members present | <ul> <li>Whole team worked to develop<br/>a strategic plan to implement<br/>change within their district.</li> <li>Brainstormed possibilities for 7-<br/>12 implementation</li> </ul> |





- Lancaster City Schools FAST Forward Design Team is beginning their planning to include a new pathway design for their High School programs; there is a heavy interest and emphasis to become a STEM school.
- The team has made a concerted effort to participate at various levels of this process.
- The team needs support to gain community partners as well as explore avenues to share plans with their staffs, students, and communities.





### Liberty Union Thurston Local School District

| FAST Forward Design Team Members |                       |                        |  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|
| Name                             | Title                 | Date Added to the Team |  |
| Tracy Farmer                     | 4th Grade Teacher     | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Wendy Buskirk                    | Teacher- Elementary   | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Keith Robinson                   | 8th Grade Teacher     | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Jim Day                          | Teacher               | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Debra Howdyshell                 | Media Specialist      | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Jennifer Blackstone              | Curriculum Director   | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Ed Miller                        | High School Principal | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Theresa Roszman                  | Media Specialist      | 10/23/2014             |  |
|                                  | Total Team Members    | 8                      |  |

| Event   | <u>Date</u>                                    | FAST Forward Design<br>Team Participants                     | Meeting Outcomes   |
|---|--|--|--|
| Initial Meeting to<br>discuss FAST<br>Forward Program | Monday<br>September<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2014 | 2 FAST Forward Team<br>members present and<br>Superintendent | <ul> <li>Able to share FAST Grant information<br/>with initial team</li> <li>Discussed FAST Team construction</li> </ul>   |
| FAST Design<br>Team Orientation                       | Saturday<br>Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014   | 7 FAST Forward Team<br>members present                       | <ul><li>Meet Design team for the first time.</li><li>Initial Brainstorm of change</li></ul>  |
| FAST Quarter 2<br>PD                                  | Friday<br>October 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,<br>2014    | Not Present  |  |
| Liberty Union<br>Thurston Site<br>Visit               | Thursday<br>October 23 <sup>rd</sup> ,<br>2014 | 7 FAST Forward Team<br>members present                       | <ul> <li>Sharing of Liberty Union Thurston         Status update     </li> <li>Community partners identified</li> <li>Plan includes k-12 implementation</li> </ul>                     |
| FAST Design<br>Team Project<br>Planning<br>Meeting #1 | Saturday<br>October 25 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014 | 8 FAST Forward Team<br>members present                       | <ul> <li>Whole team worked to develop a<br/>strategic plan to implement change<br/>within their district.</li> <li>Brainstormed possibilities for<br/>community involvement</li> </ul> |





- Liberty Union Thurston has a strong team and support from their superintendent and central office.
- Their team has k-12 representation, and the team utilizes planning sessions as problem solving sessions to disperse information back to all levels.
- The preliminary goals is to engage their community in a substantial manner by implementing no cost changes that will help their k-12 programming become more service learning oriented.





### Pickerington Local School District

| FAST Forward Design Team Members |   |                        |  |  |
|----------------------------------|---|------------------------|--|--|
| Name                             | Title                                       | Date Added to the Team |  |  |
| Eileen McGarvey                  | School Counselor-Ridgeview Junior High      | 09/27/2014             |  |  |
| Susan Caudill                    | Principal-Ridgeview Junior High             | 09/27/2014             |  |  |
| Amy Warren                       | Assistant Principal-Lakeview Junior High    | 09/27/2014             |  |  |
|                                  | Director of Secondary Instruction- Teaching | 09/27/2014             |  |  |
| Julie Novel                      | & Learning                                  |                        |  |  |
| Megan Croft                      | Teacher                                     | 10/20/2014             |  |  |
| Amy Cowles                       | School Counselor                            | 10/25/2014             |  |  |
| Chase Schneider                  | Teacher                                     | 10/25/2014             |  |  |
| Jeff Clark                       | Principal                                   | 10/20/2014             |  |  |
| Cheryl Knox                      | Visual Arts                                 | 10/25/2014             |  |  |
| Sarah Geiger                     | School counselor                            | 10/25/2014             |  |  |
|                                  | Total Team Members                          | 10                     |  |  |

| Event   | <u>Date</u>  | FAST Forward Design<br>Team Participants              | Meeting Outcomes  |
|---|--|---|---|
| Initial Meeting to<br>discuss FAST<br>Forward Program | Monday<br>September<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2014         | 3 FAST Forward Team<br>members present                | <ul> <li>Able to share FAST Grant<br/>information with initial team</li> <li>Discussed FAST Team construction</li> </ul>    |
| FAST Design Team Orientation  FAST Quarter 2          | Saturday<br>Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014<br>Friday | 4 FAST Forward Team<br>members present<br>Not Present | <ul> <li>Meet initial Design team for the orientation.</li> <li>Initial Brainstorm of change</li> </ul>                     |
| PD  | October 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,<br>2014                      |   |   |
| Pickerington Site<br>Visit                            | Monday<br>October 20 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014           | 5 FAST Forward Team<br>members present                | <ul> <li>Sharing of Pickerington Status<br/>update</li> <li>Growing of Pickerington Team<br/>shared during visit</li> </ul> |



### Professional Development

| FAST Design<br>Team Project<br>Planning<br>Meeting #1 | Saturday<br>October 25 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014 | 10 FAST Forward Team<br>members present | • | Team worked to develop a strategic plan to implement change within their district.  Fear of Central office not supporting this transformation is shared  Working to makes sure they are |
|---|--|---|---|---|
|   |  |   |   | supported in this process through a variety of methods is brainstormed.   |

- Pickerington's FAST Forward Design Team is focusing on the Junior High School level.
- Both Junior High School Principals have an enthusiasm and willingness to design and create a unique pilot for their students.
- There is a large disconnect amongst the Pickerington FAST Design Team and the
  district central office representative that has been placed on the team. The central
  office representative is directing the teams to follow one plan versus allowing the
  ideation process to develop over time.
- The need to comply with the district official is leading to compliance versus creativity, the next steps are to reinitiate conversation with the Superintendent and Junior High School Teams to promote the conversation for innovation and sustainability are key to the success of this programming.





### Walnut Township (Millersport) Local School District

| FAST Forward Design Team Members |                               |                        |  |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Name                             | Title                         | Date Added to the Team |  |
| J.B. Dick                        | Curriculum Coordinator        | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Randy Cotner                     | Superintendent                | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Caitlin McClurg                  | Teacher-Math                  | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Kim Yenni                        | Teacher- Title 1 Reading, K-4 | 09/27/2014             |  |
| Steve Harris                     | Teacher- Science              | 09/27/2014             |  |
|                                  | Total Team Members            | 5                      |  |

| Event   | <u>Date</u>                                       | FAST Forward Design Team Participants                              | Meeting Outcomes  |
|---|---|--|---|
| Initial Meeting to<br>discuss FAST<br>Forward Program | Thursday<br>September<br>11 <sup>th</sup> , 2014  | 1 Administrator and 1Team<br>Member present with<br>Superintendent | <ul> <li>Able to share FAST Grant<br/>information with initial team</li> <li>Discussed FAST Team<br/>construction</li> </ul>  |
| FAST Design<br>Team Orientation                       | Saturday<br>Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014      | 5 FAST Forward Team<br>members present                             | <ul><li>Meet Design team for the first time.</li><li>Initial Brainstorm of change</li></ul>   |
| FAST Quarter 2<br>PD                                  | Friday<br>October 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,<br>2014       | 3 FAST Forward Team<br>members present                             | <ul> <li>Introduction to Transdisciplinary<br/>Problem Based Learning Work</li> </ul>   |
| Walnut Township<br>Site Visit                         | Wednesday<br>September<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2014 | 3 FAST Forward Team<br>members present                             | <ul> <li>Sharing of Millersport plan and<br/>goal to utilize lake in some way<br/>for transformation</li> <li>Plan lacks staff and community<br/>support</li> </ul> |
| FAST Design<br>Team Project<br>Planning<br>Meeting #1 | Saturday<br>October 25 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2014    | 4 FAST Forward Team members present                                | <ul> <li>Team came together to create a<br/>strategic plan to implement<br/>change within their use of media<br/>center in a new way.</li> </ul>                    |





### Engagement in the Ideation Phase of Transformation:

- The Walnut Township Superintendent is very supportive of this process and is part
  of the FAST Forward design team. His enthusiasm is a large driver of the process;
  he will continually need support to make sure his team and community are included
  in the transformation process.
- The team has members who are open to change and making a concerted effort to take advantage of the P3 course as well as planning sessions.
- As of the Strategic planning session the Walnut Township FAST forward team had begun developing a plan for a Laker Learning Center to redesign and vision around a new media center space for their students.





### Marketing

FAST Forward initiated Marketing with an introductory marketing flyer. PR will be built around the upcoming presentations to invite partners and community participants to the presentations.







### For Immediate Release

### Fairfield County ESC and PAST Innovation Lab Partnership Awarded 3 Straight A Grants

Fairfield County ESC was recently awarded three grants from the Ohio Department of Education Straight A Fund, and is collaborating with PAST Innovation Lab to develop and implement programing for all three projects. These grants will bring over \$17 million to Fairfield County ESC to improve educational services in their communities by bringing innovative, cost-effective student learning approaches to the classroom. With just 37 of 340 grant requests approved, the Fairfield County ESC and PAST team is a leader in the number of grants awarded in this round of funding.

The grants will provide funding for 3 specific projects:

### **Growing SOIL**

The PAST Foundation's Growing Soil grant responds to the need to increase students' applied learning and critical thinking skills. STEM Outdoor Innovation Labs (SOIL) capitalize on school property to expand learning without expanding the physical school building.

Growing SOIL builds on the program SOIL, a partnership between PAST and Kelleys Island first implemented in Spring 2014 in nine Ohio schools and funded by a first round Straight A grant. Based on SOIL's success and measured by meaningful educational outcomes, experience and engagement of students, Growing SOIL will expand the reach of the first nine labs to 30 additional Ohio schools.

### **Project FAST Forward: Fairfield Advancing Students and Teaching**

Project FAST Forward will transform the educational systems in Fairfield County by providing multiple college and career pathways to students while significantly reducing district costs. Among other initiatives, the project will convert a closing school building to become the Fairfield County Student Success Center, which will provide rigorous STEM education to 300 at-risk youth to prepare them to enter high-demand careers such as IT and construction.

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PAST will provide professional development in STEM education for teachers in eight school districts, teaching transdisciplinary problem-based learning concepts for classroom instruction. The PAST Knowledge Capture team will conduct initial and on-going evaluation, ensuring reporting on training and measuring program results.

### Math Matters: Transforming Math Education for 21st Century Success

Math Matters will involve a consortium of nine school districts in two counties to transform math education. The project will use a tool that personalizes math instruction through online and in-person instruction. Students receive immediate feedback that deepens problem-solving and reasoning skills. Through professional development, ongoing partner collaboration and digital tools, teachers will build skills to help students have a greater understanding of math concepts. The program to be used is proven to engage students, particularly those with low reading proficiency or for whom English is a second language

The PAST Knowledge Capture team is charged with initial and on-going evaluation, ensuring reporting on training, and measuring other critical program outcomes.

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### About PAST

PAST Innovation Lab is a leader in redesigning and improving education for grades K thru 16, sharing transdisciplinary problem-based learning (TPBL) with educators and experiential programs for students.

PAST professional development online courses and in-person workshops offer teachers exciting ways to bring TPBL to their classrooms. Student programs and workshops link STEM education and life-long learning to prepare students for 21st century careers.

PAST Innovation Lab is a part of PAST Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization. PAST Foundation's work includes extensive Knowledge Capture within schools and districts, research, educational resources and publications.

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### FAST FORWARD FORMATIVE EVALUATION

The Knowledge Capture (KC) Program has engaged with the first quarter of implementation for the FAST Forward Project in completing the following work. Formative evaluation activities conducted through October 17<sup>th</sup> are presented in this report. A Knowledge Capture Formative Evaluation Plan is presented in the Appendix based on the current schedule for implementation through June 30, 2015. A table of KC fieldwork chronology for all work conducted is also presented in the Knowledge Capture Appendix.

FAST Forward activities initiated by the PAST Implementation Team center on conducting a planning process for envisioning a design for transformation of the education systems in eight districts. The context for the launch of the FAST Forward Design Team process is intended to build upon the broader set of components of the FAST Forward Project, including the Schlechty Leadership Training Program (the first two-day training was held on September 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>) and the P3 Professional Development for teachers. The following discussion demonstrates the potential for integrating these grant program resources. The support and training provided by the suite of grant components are intended to develop an enriched environment for collaboration and innovation in attaining outcomes that meet grant goals for innovation in education. Primary objectives for transforming schools are targeted to recapturing community involvement, as well as encouraging new forms of leadership among administrators and teachers in a process of redefining critical factors that are essential to student success.

### FAST Forward Design Team Planning Process

Structured observation conducted by the KC team of the first Design Team planning session (September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014) is presented in a bullet point report in the Knowledge Capture Appendix. The groups represented seven of the eight districts. The issues addressed throughout the day's discussions were framed by the opening remarks and presentation of the PAST Foundation Implementation Team and guest speaker, Richard Rosen.

Each of the teams were given the opportunity to work on a range of issues during the course of the day organized by three breakout sessions to focus on the following topics:

- 1) Habits
- 2) Tangible Assets Map
- 3) Initiative Assets Map





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The bullet report presents eight key themes that were explored by the district design teams during their breakout session as well as during the course of open discussion across the district design teams.

- Students and Student Engagement
- Parent Expectations
- Failure and Persistence
- Sustaining Involvement (partnerships, teacher buy-in)
- Building Enthusiasm
- Support for Classroom Teachers
- School Resources
- State Level Issues

The PAST Implementation Team together with the KC Team conducted a debrief at the close of the day identifying key recommended actions to build on the outcomes of the first planning workshop. Recommendations include the following:

- Foster engagement and buy-in within the district, including administrators, teachers and students, as well as the community
  - o Get leadership involved in shifting the focus to the students
  - o Engage students as the ambassadors in the community for FAST Forward
  - o Continue to reinforce the value of the Design Cycle for the planning process
  - o Give teams examples of what learning looks like in theory and practice
  - o Provide mini-challenges
  - o Encourage teams to conduct brainstorming within their school team process
  - Encourage teams to continue to work at developing habits of mind to support engaged learning
- Explore opportunities with the issuance grant funding to provide incentives for an effective process targeted to deliverables at key points in time
- Consider ways to support how the team will evolve over time; recognize that new team
  members, including administrators and teachers, may be unclear about the grants;
  provide sufficient review of the overarching goals of the grant and work to date at the
  beginning of the PD sessions to ensure everyone is on the same page throughout the
  planning process as it evolves toward a final plan for each district





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- At the beginning of the day, briefly state the agenda and the plan for the next few sessions (and review previous sessions) so participants have a clearer view of the sequence of PD sessions that will occur during different phases of the planning process
- Many participants appeared to be engaged in the brainstorming activities
  - More teams were engaged with listing tangible assets than some of the other activities
  - o Many members of district groups were not aware of certain assets and resources
  - Develop new strategies to review assets, including re-envisioning the role of non-teaching staff to help shift focus to a broader view
- Enhance the strategy for teams to create habits; shift the focus to habits that help to
  define students/school/community and ways of engaging new relationships,
  partnerships and increased collaboration in a new enterprise for student success in
  education
  - Some of the participants were unclear about the goal of habits brainstorming, and were thinking about working in their teams and not in terms of students and the school community
- Debrief with the participants at the end of the day to remind them about the take-away of the PD activities
- Consider the idea of organizing breakouts into different groupings that will allow cross district dialogue, e.g., as opposed to breakouts by distinct district groupings

### SCHLECHTY LEADERSHIP TRAINING

As part of the formative evaluation design for the FAST Forward Project, the KC Team is also conducting structured observation of the Leadership Training Program. The first two-day session held on September 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> was observed by a member of the PAST Implementation Team and a KC team member to further enhance a collaborative approach to building on this component of FAST Forward, and assure continuity and integration of concepts. The bullet point report is presented in the Knowledge Capture Appendix.

The Schlechty Leadership Training Program (SLTP) involves primarily district administrators across (12) Fairfield County districts and education-related agencies. However there is some overlap of involvement by participants who are also on the district Design Teams engaged in







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the Design Team planning process conducted by the PAST Foundation. The SLTP approach to building a new vision of transforming education to a student-centered approach to learning is highly aligned to the PAST Foundation's Design process for innovation in education systems. A key goal will develop through continued observation and dialogues among the lead entities in the FAST Forward Program in order to coordinate integrated application of the different resources offered through the suite of concurrent program training supported by the Straight A Funds grant.

Of particular importance is the link between the Design Teams and district superintendents during the second quarter of the grant, from November 1, 2014 to January 30, 2015. During this period it will be critical for the Design Teams to have access to administrative level review and feedback to guide final innovation plans that will be supported district-wide with endorsement by all leadership, including district boards and community leaders in the various districts.

### P3 QUARTERLY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The first P3 Professional Development daylong session was held on October 3, 2014. Structured observation by the KC Team was conducted and the bullet point report is presented in the Knowledge Capture Appendix. Four of the eight districts participated in the first P3 on-site session. This session was conducted for those who had received the P3 modules for review and preparation to attend the first P3 session. The workshop was also intended to offer the first opportunity for a post-P3 training teacher survey. However, the final assessment for the best and most productive approach to conducting the first session was changed to better meet the needs of the participants, including many administrators.

Much of the work of formative evaluation is conducted in an iterative process engaging with participants at different stages of program implementation to gain insight on the goals and objectives they bring to the process through their involvement. This process often engages participants in previewing and commenting on survey instruments. The proposed P3 Survey questions are presented in the Knowledge Capture Appendix. The participants in the October 3 session were asked to review and select the survey questions they felt were most important for informing their program goals for teacher professional development in STEM transdisciplinary problem based learning.







The following table shows the outcome of the P3 group review:

| KC Proposed Post PD Teacher Survey Questions   | Number of respondents (n=10) |
|--|------------------------------|
| Q1. What is the purpose of a problem?  | 4                            |
| Q2. Is there a difference between a project and a product?   | 8                            |
| Q3. Does pre and post assessment drive real time course correction?  | 3                            |
| Q4. Were there concepts presented in P3 that you were immediately able to put into practice in your classroom? | 3                            |
| Q5. Do you intend to implement TPBL in your classroom?   | 8                            |
| Q6. Does presentation of learning to an authentic audience affect project mgmt.?                               | 3                            |
| Q7. What are the main benefits of TPBL?  | 4                            |
| Q8. Do you think the P3 podcasts helped you build your TPBL skills?  | 3                            |
| Q9. Please rate the importance of resources  | 4                            |
| Q10. What is the most useful tool for your work? (rate following)  | 4                            |

The complete survey question set can be reviewed in the Knowledge Capture Appendix in this section of the report. The numbers indicate two high priority questions of value to the STEM PD outcomes as shown above in Question 2 and Question 5. Of particular interest related to Question 5 is the idea that while teachers may be exposed to STEM PD, they may not see the possibilities or feel enabled to implement STEM in their classrooms, signaling the need for potential follow-up that may be explored through various modes of engagement with other teachers involved in the P3 training.



### Knowledge Capture APPENDIX FAST Forward

- 1.1 Formative Evaluation Work Plan
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  - **5.1**Fieldwork Observation BP Report October 3, 2014 FAST Forward P3 Quarterly Planning PD Draft Survey Questions For Review Group Comments on Draft Survey Questions
  - **6.1** Fieldwork Observation BP Report October 16, 2014 FAST Forward On-site Charrette





### **FAST FORWARD Project - Implementation Plan 9/2014 to 6/2015**

KNOWLEDGE CAPTURE (KC) Formative Evaluation Work Plan

| Activity                                    | Projected Date  | Location                | KC Evaluation                | Product                   |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
|   | DESIGN TEAM     | S (8 School Distric     | ts)                          |                           |
| Design Team Orientation                     | Sept. 27 [Sat.] | Fairfield ESC           | Observation                  | Bullet Point<br>Report    |
| 8 School District Site Visits               | Oct. 16, 20-24  | At school location      | Observation                  | 8 Bullet Point<br>Reports |
| Design Team Project Planning Meeting #1     | Oct. 25 [Sat.]  | Fairfield ESC           | Observation & Pre-Survey     | Bullet Point<br>Report    |
| Design Team Project Planning Meeting #2     | Nov. 8 [Sat.]   | TBD                     | Observation                  | Bullet Point<br>Report    |
| KC Site Visit Follow-up Virtual Discussions | NovDec.         | [Zoom mtgs.]            | Interviews                   | Bullet Point<br>Report    |
| FAST Design Team<br>Presentation            | Dec. 6 [Sat.]   | Fairfield ESC           | TBD                          | TBD                       |
| FAST Design Team Implementation             | Jan.17 [Sat.]   | Fairfield ESC           | Observation & Focus Groups   | Bullet Point<br>Report    |
| 8 School District Site Visits               | March-May 2015  | At various<br>locations | Observation                  | 8 Bullet Point<br>Reports |
| FAST Design Team Presentation               | May 30 [Sat.]   | Fairfield ESC           | Observation &<br>Post-Survey | Bullet Point<br>Report    |

| FAST FORWARD:               | Teacher Professiona | l Development W | orkshops (P3 comp | letion)      |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| PD: Quarter 2-2014 Planning | Oct. 3 [Fri.]       | Fairfield ESC   | Observation &     | Bullet Point |
| PD. Quarter 2-2014 Planning | Oct. 3 [FII.]       | raii ilelu ESC  | Post-PD Survey    | Report       |
| PD: Quarter 3-2014 Planning | Dec. 5 [Fri.]       | Fairfield ESC   | Observation &     | Bullet Point |
| PD: Quarter 5-2014 Planning | Dec. 5 [FII.]       | raii ilelu ESC  | Post-PD Survey    | Report       |
| PD: Quarter 4-2014 Planning | March 6 [Fri.]      | Fairfield ESC   | Observation &     | Bullet Point |
| PD: Quarter 4-2014 Planning | iviarcii o [FII.]   | Tairrield LSC   | Post-PD Survey    | Report       |
| DD: Overtex 1 2015 Pleasing | luna TDD [Fr: ]     | Faintiald FCC   | Observation &     | Bullet Point |
| PD: Quarter 1-2015 Planning | June TBD [Fri.]     | Fairfield ESC   | Post-PD Survey    | Report       |

## **FAST Fieldwork Chronology 2014**

| KC Staff | Date     | Event Observed               | Participants  | MGC NOTES   |
|----------|----------|------------------------------|---|---|
| мдс/мм   | 9.3.14   | Kick off at FC ESC           | Marie Ward; Dr. Matthew<br>Peterson; Samsung;<br>admin and curriculum<br>specialists from Fairfield<br>County   | Marie Ward; Dr. Matthew SAG introduced to administrators and curriculum specialists at FC Peterson; Samsung; ESC; Marie Ward described the 3 grants; Samsung made admin and curriculum presenation re tech; M. Peterson presented ST Math specialists from Fairfield County   |
| MGC/LB   | 9.27.14  | FAST Design team orientation | Team members from<br>Amanda Clearcreek;<br>Bloom Carroll; Fairfield;<br>Lancaster; Libery Union;<br>Pickerington; Walnut<br>Township [Berne Union<br>did not show]    | Orientation and overview of FAST Forward; teams present consisted of some superindents; some principals; curriculum coordinators; counselors; and classroom teachers. One team sent 7 [LU]; one team sent 2 [BC] and was down to 1 before lunch. RR presented on change in organizations; breakout sessions included: Habits brainstorm; Tangible Assets Map; Initiatives Assets Map and share outs for all breakout sessions. PF team debrief with EC followed.  |
| MM       | 10.3.14  | Q2 onsite P3 PAST<br>PD      | Ellen Chaill, Ketal Patel,<br>Sheli Smith, Meghen<br>Matta  | Overview of the grant, TPBL and discussions of wicked problems by PF staff. Districts sat together by table and did back-mapping and two week planning sessions. Ideas were shared out at the end of the day. Most Ts were engaged in the process, with a few exceptions, most schools are still searching for the 'right answer' and having a difficulty narrowing down ideas. All in early stages   |
| MM       | 10.16.14 | Berne-Union<br>Charrette     | Ketal Patel, Meghen<br>Matta, and Ellen Cahill<br>from PF, Jon Parker (HS<br>Prn) Craig Heath<br>(Guidance Counselor) and<br>David McManis (K-12 tech<br>coordinator) | Ketal Patel, MeghenMeeting with all parties in conference room to go over how theMatta, and Ellen Cahillproject is going so far. We discussed contrainsts, teacher buy-infrom PF, Jon Parker (HSand money allocation. The school wants Chromebooks as it's topPrn) Craig Heathpriority, as the tech has been geared up already (Adobe Suit,(Guidance Counselor) and Google Docs frequently used already in classroom). Flexible adminDavid McManis (K-12 tech is willing to give power to the teachers. Want to create an auditorum for movie nights and student showcase to the cmty |
| MM       | 10.20.14 | Pickerington<br>Charrette    | Ketal Patel, Meghen<br>Matta, and Keisha<br>Slaughter from PF   | Meeting with design teams from two schools. Both schools have a teacher buy-in issue, as teachers of overwhelmed with competing initiative.   |

## **FAST Fieldwork Chronology 2014**

| Σ      | 10.21.14 | Lancaster City<br>Charrette   | Ketal Patel, Meghen<br>Matta, Ellen Cahill  | Met with 3 staff and PRN came in to meeting late. KP phoned in for meeting. Staff has ideas about career tech, and civil engineering focus. decideing whether to focus on "high" performing students or "low" performing students. Still trying to narrow and decide direction for project. While presented idea of merging with SOIL, was not receptive to that. |
|--------|----------|---|---|---|
| Η<br>Σ | 10.21.14 | Liberty Union Ketal Patel, Elle<br>Thurston Charrette Monica Hunter | Ketal Patel, Ellen Cahill,<br>Monica Hunter   |   |
| Σ      | 10.22.14 | Fairfield Union<br>Charrette  | Ketal Patel, Meghen<br>Matta, Ellen Cahill, Beth<br>Witte, Jim Dvorsky, Herb<br>Rhoda | Met with Assistant PRN, PRN, and 3 Ts in conference room. Side meeting with PRN and Math T with KP and MM. Ts have notbeen informed of grant, or P3, PRNs staff is very disengaged and nervous about any form of PD, so hurdle to overcome. PRN is nervous on \$ size, and does not want to 'waste' it. Still in initial stages                                   |
| Σ      | 10.22.14 | Walnut Township<br>Charrette  | Ketal Patel, Meghen<br>Matta, Ellen Cahill, Beth<br>Witte, Jim Dvorsky, Herb<br>Rhoda | Admin staff do not have a clear connection, met with Superintendent, and originally had not planned to have us meet with students. Seems to be SPR project, and leads to low teacher engagement. Very strongly wants to merg FAST and SOIL money for a structure on the Lake, teachers and community not engaged, included, or empowered                          |
| Σ      | 10.24.14 | Amanda-Clearcreek Ketal Patel, Keisha<br>Charette Slaughter, Megher | Matta Matta   | Lead T has a high level of buy in and confidence in students which admin is receptive of, this gives Ts a sense of agency for the project and the building. The focus will be to use the Primary as a pilot early adoptor model for the district. They are looking into sustainability with their project model (selling spades to cmty partners)                 |
| Σ      | 10.24.14 | Bloom-Carrol<br>Charette  | Ketal Patel, Keisha<br>Slaughter, Meghen Matta  | Focus on 7th grd math, in a school bld that is 3-5 gr for early adoptor pilot building. Admin is highly engaged (and new). Focus on cmty partnership with a local library (Wagnels). Still in early stages of planning, thinking of bringing in ST Math   |

FAST Fieldwork Chronology 2014

### FAST Forward Design Team Orientation Day [BP-LB/MGC] September 27, 2014

PF Participants: Sheli Smith, Ketal Patel, Keisha Slaughter, Maria Green Cohen, Janet Hinds, Lisa Beiswenger, Robin Dugan [COSI], Rich Rosen [morning presentation only]
FAST Participants: 7 of 8 districts were present, with a range in the number of participants: Amanda Clearcreek [4], Bloom Carroll [2 for first two hours; 1 for remainder of the program], Fairfield [5], Lancaster [5], Liberty Union [7], Pickerington [4], Walnut [5]. Byrne Township was not present.

Knowledge Capture staff observed presentations, questions from participants, with close attention to issues discussed during breakout brainstorm sessions at each table. Districts grouped themselves at distinct tables; Bloom Carroll participant joined the Pickerington group after her teammate left. Three breakout sessions were conducted during the day on the following topics: 1) Habits; 2) Tangible Assets Map; and, 3) Initiative Assets Map. The report below thematically organizes Orientation Day participants' comments and questions shared throughout the day's program.

### Students and Student Engagement:

- Emphasize to the students why this is relevant
- Teachers would like to give more opportunities for real world experiences, but they are nervous about sacrificing teaching time
  - Some teachers are overwhelmed by the quantity of standards to cover that they feel they do not have time to "delve into real world learning"
- There is a lack of relationships between teachers and students
  - There is a lot of focus on the top performing students and the bottom performing students, with little emphasis on the majority of students who reside in the middle
  - Building a curriculum to suit the needs of the individual students not every student needs Algebra II or college prep
- Education needs to relate with students and how they learn
  - One district stated much time is spent on remediation
    - Some students are not developmentally ready to learn the standards
    - Gaps keep expanding because the state consistently raises the bar on what needs to be taught
- Some schools have an intervention specialist, now they need a gifted specialist
- Teachers and schools need to redefine engagement
  - o Too great a focus on grades, not enough focus on what students are learning
- More opportunities need to be available for smaller schools
- Figure out ways to give students ownership in their learning
  - Do not crush creativity
  - Create better problem solvers
- Technology and students
  - Along with a "bring your own device" program initiated at one of the schools, teachers and students created "10 Commandments of Computing"
  - The kids defined the rules of etiquette and were more likely to have ownership over that etiquette
  - o Teaching students to use technology as a tool and not just as a toy

- Some schools lack a concrete plan for intervention. What is a teacher supposed to do with the rest of the students when only one or two students need intervention?
  - o Each school needs to come up with an intervention plan
  - One has a concrete plan for math, and is working on a plan for English
  - The plan is to have the duty aide take some of the math/reading students to the gym, so that there's more time to work strategically with the kids who need help
- One school created universal rubrics, which could be used to grade writing assignments across the disciplines
- Because of tight staffing in one district, some teachers were afraid to do creative, hands-on activities because they couldn't ensure student safety

### Parent expectations:

 Parents expect a worksheet and not conceptual homework, so it can be difficult for teachers to buy in

### Failure and Persistence:

- Teachers need to be able to admit failure to students because failure is part of the learning process
  - Use failure as a learning opportunity
- Educators who care about their students need to be able to recognize when things aren't working and fix them
- Build trust for the process

### Sustaining involvement (partnerships new + old, teacher buy-in):

- Trust is a theme that was mentioned repeatedly throughout the day. Many of the educators felt that they are not trusted by the district and administration
  - Teachers should not feel afraid to be a leader in initiatives, but they often are
  - As trust builds, and as other teachers begin to see the effectiveness of initiatives, their attitudes can change
  - There is a fear of failure because teachers are afraid that their jobs are on the line if the initiatives fail
  - o Figure out ways of making the team members feel safe
  - o Give early adopters a sense of what to expect for the first few weeks
    - Let them know what the project entails
  - o The districts need to state a plan and stick to it
  - o It can be hard to do anything without the district's approval
- Respect
  - Some of the teachers feel like their ideas and opinions haven't been respected and that may make them hesitant to try new things
  - Conversely, a leader who is not confident may "over push" and force people into things that they are not confident doing
    - This lack of trust and over push can make teachers hesitant to try new programs and initiatives
  - Sometimes respect can be as simple as thanking team members for their time and giving them a moment of recognition
- Followers need to be able to question the leader, and the leader needs to listen to their feedback and correct things which may not be going right

- · Building enthusiasm
  - Some teachers are hesitant to try something new because they do not know if what they are doing is effective
    - They need to be able to see the effectiveness of the initiatives before they are willing to join
  - Other teachers need to see details of the project before they're willing to take part
     conditional participation
  - Some teachers need initiatives to be willing to take part
    - Take care of the early adopters
- Support
  - o Some teachers felt as though there was a lack of support within their district
  - Build time into the day for teachers to work on paperwork
    - Some teachers give worksheets to students just to have enough time for their paperwork
  - o Teachers feel as though they need more time to collaborate and work together
    - Without sacrificing time with the students
  - Teachers need better preparation programs at all levels (support for new teachers and old)
    - Learning how to teach in their particular school's environment as well as teaching in new ways

### School resources:

- Many districts expressed a need to expand staff
  - Innovation coordinators
- One district has limited smart rooms, few TVs, limited laptops (especially at the elementary school)
- A lot of participants were not sure about what resources they had available at their schools
- One building had limited knowledge about which staff they might be able to tap within the school
- One school initiated a "bring your own device" program which helped to increase student access to technology in the classroom
- Teachers need professional development to help them learn how to use technology more effectively in the classroom
- Recently, the curriculum coordinator at one district invited teachers to complete a survey about which initiatives they're involved in and which programs they use in their classroom
  - Some teachers were using programs that had ended years ago, but stuck with it because it was working
  - Some teachers were paying for programs out of pocket, and didn't know that other teachers in the school were also paying for the same program
  - The curriculum coordinator was evaluating the list to figure out what the school could pay for but also wanted to connect teachers using the same programs to help minimize their out of pocket costs so that the teachers could share the cost of one school license rather than each teacher buying their own license
  - Trying to increase communication within the school and across the buildings
- Communication with other departments and communication with other buildings within the district can be limited

### State Level:

- Legislators need to know what teachers are doing
  - Need to understand that educators are not the enemy
  - o Throwing more test and initiatives does not solve the problem
  - o Would benefit from a realistic grasp on student needs
    - Not all students need to take Algebra II
- Schools, districts, and legislators need to value more than just math and reading
- · Tech schools are marginalized

### **Recommendations:**

- Fostering engagement and buy-in within the district and the community
  - Get leadership involved in shifting the focus to the students
  - Make students the ambassadors for FAST Forward
  - Keep taking design team through the design cycle
  - Show them what learning looks like in theory and practice
  - o Provide mini-challenges
    - Taking brainstorming back to the schools
      - Develop habits
- EC to work with ESC treasurer to restructure the issuing of funds so that there is incentive to produce at key points in time
- Because new teachers can be brought into the teams at a moment's notice, and often
  administrators and team members can be unclear about the grants, it would be helpful to
  give a quick run-down of the grant at the beginning of the PD sessions just so that everyone
  is on the same page
- At the beginning of the day, briefly state the plan for the day and the plan for the next few sessions (and even review previous sessions) so that the participants have a clearer view of how this PD session fits in with the other sessions
- Many participants appeared to be engaged in the brainstorming activities
  - More teams were engaged with listing tangible assets than some of the other activities
    - Communication about what is available at the schools needs to be built on
      - Many members of district groups not aware of certain assets and resources
    - Tangible assets was largely approached as a concrete task by most groups
      - Offering up new ways to review assets—such as non-teaching staff—could be helpful in shifting focus
- Some of the participants were unclear about the objective of the activities and were unable to follow the shift from the discussion on working in groups [RR] to discussion of habits [KP]
  - When talking about the habits, shift the focus to students/school community
  - Some of the participants were thinking about working in their teams and not thinking in terms of students and the school community
- Debrief with the participants at the end of the day to remind them about the take-away of the PD activities
- Clearly identify tables by district with placards
- Consider the idea of conducting some breakouts by job description/title as opposed to breakouts by district

### Schlechty Leadership Conference Debrief [BP-AJ] September 30, 2014

PF Participants: Janet Hinds, Ketal Patel, Monica Hunter, Maria Green Cohen
FAST Participants: [12 school districts] North Olmsted City Schools, Amanda Clear Creek Schools,
Berne Union Local Schools, Bloom Carroll Local Schools, Eastland Fairfield Career Tech Schools,
Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Fairfield County ESC, Fairfield Union Local
Schools, Lancaster City Schools, Liberty Union Schools, Pickerington Local Schools, Walnut
Township Local Schools

Participants organized themselves by district, and throughout the course of the Day One heard from coordinators from the Schlechty Center. At the end of Day One, conference participants took a survey about their engagement via Edmodo. During Day Two, participants were organized by roles in the district. Day Two was more interactive. Participants had a Q&A session with Phil Schlechty, watched videos and engaged in brainstorming activities.

### Day One of Conference (September 25, 2014)

- Districts were allocated space for up to four people
  - o Participants were expected to read four books before conference
  - Participants signed up for Edmodo during the conference to provide feedback, answer questions
  - Teams were expected to create a portfolio and plan to work on completing it during sessions
- Focal discussion point of the day was the Importance of Transformation
  - Reform vs. Transformation
    - Used the ideas of education from Thomas Jefferson (Factory schooling, knowledge workers, elite), W.E. Dubois (talented 10) to discuss the need for transformation
  - Digital Imperative
    - Using software and technology to engage students with interactivity, collaboration, ownership and authority
  - Stressed how reform is not enough, how transformation will aid in the organization/structure for learning
- Strategies to implement transformation
  - Designing, learning and guiding instruction
  - Giving students the ability to own the design
    - Move from using standards as a source of control to using students as sources of direction
  - The importance of community involvement, moving from a bureaucratic/governmental model to giving accountability back to the public
- Student engagement as a major component in the process of transformation
  - The difference between compliance from a student [student sitting and reading a book, doing as told] to keeping the student active and engaged [asking questions, conversations]
    - Moving from classroom management strategies to engaging with knowledge and expertise in the classroom with students

- The importance of an emotional response, value, relevance, commitment to the work, conversations between peers and parents from students
- The importance of leadership: empowering leadership to accept a transformation in modality and the structure of governance
  - Moving away from the idea of the principal being the source of leadership to giving teachers the ability to lead [teacher leadership]
  - o Inquiry model
    - Principals should know how to work with teachers; teachers should know how to work with students in the classroom
  - All levels of leadership should be involved in the process [board of directors, superintendent, principals, teachers, etc.]
  - The importance of knowing who is following you as a leader, establishing trust among your team
  - Necessities to change the system of leadership
    - Capacity, clarity of purpose ad value, sense of direction, assessment, leadership commitment, infrastructure for taking action, resource allocation, flexibility

### Day Two of Conference [September 26, 2014)

- Levels of engagement survey results
  - Leaders did not feel very engaged during the first day
    - There was a "talking head" for the majority of the session
  - Day Two was redesigned to keep the leaders more engaged
    - Mixed up teams, movement, videos, book study, etc.
- Types of leadership tactics to use
  - o Cleverness vs. Kindness
    - Encourage collaboration and positive conversation to reach a goal, instead of focusing all work on the end product
  - o Locus of control
    - Understanding the people you supervise and their locus of control
      - Stressors, engagement, staff engagement
      - Used role-alike activity to understand the levels of bureaucracy
- Q&A's with Phil Schlechty
  - Loss sense of community: How to engage the board of education
    - The pressure superintendents feel from the board
    - How to put the board to work
  - The affects of charter schools on the community
    - Several different types of schools in the community can cause issues [charter and private schools]
  - o Effect of older people in the community on school funding
    - Older people do not vote for levies because they do not have students at home
    - At one point in the community, 60-70% of a community had children enrolled in school
      - Currently student population has lowered to 20-30% of a community

- Schools need to move away from functioning as government agencies and towards becoming community centers
- The need for a systematic induction program where veteran teachers share their expertise with new teachers
  - Pre-service vs. teaching programs
  - Where you still learn the same old way, but there is no great induction system
    - Pair new teachers with older teachers
      - Older teachers certified with system vs. new teachers may be more excited by the learning process
- Student and Teacher Engagement
  - Student has the responsibility to be engaged, but teachers have the responsibility to provide the engagement
    - Students do not owe teacher their attention
  - Engaging students intellectually arrives from intrinsic motivation, not extrinsic
  - Fast learners vs. Slow learners
    - The ability to tackle tasks quickly instead of truly learning the material
- Standardized tests measure failure, not success
  - Students are unable to understand and absorb the work they are completing
  - Teachers feel that mandated testing is a huge barrier
  - When students get the questions on the test correct, new ones are created to replace old ones
    - No longer measureable
  - Students need to learn content at a proficiency level and must be engaged with the work

### FAST Forward P3 Quarterly Planning PD [MM] October 3, 2014

Facilitators: Sheli Smith, Ketal Patel, Meghen Matta

FAST Participants: 4 of 8 districts were present, with a range in the number of participants: Amanda Clearcreek [4], Lancaster [4], Walnut Township [3], and Berne Union Local [4].

Districts grouped themselves at distinct tables. See attached agenda for additional details on the presentations. Knowledge Capture staff observed presentations, questions from participants, with close attention to issues discussed during breakout brainstorm sessions at each table. The report below thematically organizes Quarterly Planning PD day participants' comments and questions shared throughout the day's program.

### **Administrative Engagement:**

Some administrators allowed teachers to lead discussion and brainstorming

### Teachers and Teacher Engagement:

- Groups worked well together, often electing "scripter" early on to expedite brainstorming process
- Active engagement shown in body language of participants
- Districts who were not able to attend orientation were not discouraged by abundance of information, and were highly engaged in the process
- Teachers felt comfortable with the design cycle
- Teachers utilizing collaboration as a method of transformation in their school
  - One team, "divide and conquer"
  - Focusing collaboration across content area
- Focus on cross-curricular implementation

### Students and Student Engagement:

- Teachers emphasized making the design cycle relevant to students "Does that matter to our students?"
- Teachers in many districts had a strong focus on student buy-in
- Teachers focused on creating a common language for students
- Teachers had a deep understand of targeted needs for their student population
- One group wanted to utilize student surveys to get information on students interests for projects/problems
- Students from rural districts struggle with 'small worldview'

### Failure and Persistence:

- Teachers can get stuck in trying to "find the right answer" as opposed to finding what works best for their school
- Teachers and Admins felt overwhelmed after initial orientation
- Some P3 thumb drives had technical issues and were unable to be reviewed before meeting by participants
- Teachers concerned about having to 'teach to the test'

- Some districts are showing resistance and pushback to transformation process due to administrator resistance
- Some districts are narrowing problems too specifically and need to look for more broad examples

### School resources:

- Schools are looking into block schedule or schedule changes to facilitate collaboration and transformation
- Electronic clickers could be more utilized
- Specialists are available at schools to be utilized as a standard touch-point

### **Recommendations:**

- Pushback from administrators could be resolved with through Schlechty work, and showing connection between Schlechty leadership and FAST Forward work
- Teachers who have lost engagement in process should look into allowing alternative teachers to fill in for the design team
- Facilitators to spend more time on "products and problems" session, as many teams needed more examples, and a deeper understanding of "what makes a good problem"

### KNOWLEDGE CAPTURE PROPOSED POST-PD TEACHER SURVEY QUESTIONS

| Please write down any comments or suggested revisions in the space below each question.  What is the purpose of a problem?  Is there a difference between a project and a product? (Yes/No)  If yes, briefly describe:  Does pre- and post-assessment drive real time course correction? (Yes/No)  If yes, briefly describe:  Were there concepts presented in the P3 podcasts that you were |
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| immediately able to put into practice in your classroom? (Yes/No)  |
| If so, briefly describe.   |
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| Do you intend to implement transdisciplinary problem based learning (TPBL) in your classroom? (Yes/No)   |
| Does presentation of learning to an authentic audience affect project management? (Yes/No)   |
| What are the main benefits of TPBL?  |
| Do you think the P3 podcasts helped you build your TPBL skills? (Yes/No)   |
| If yes, briefly describe:  |
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| Please rate the importance of the following resources for your work where 1=not at all important; 2=somewhat important; 3=important; 4=very important; 5=I don't know yet if it helped me in my work   |
| P3 Workbook (check the box 1-5)  |
| P3 Podcasts (check the box 1-5)  |
| Both the podcasts and the workbook (check the box 1-5)   |
| What is the most useful tool for your work? Rate the following where 1=not at all useful; 2=somewhat useful; 3=useful; 4=very useful; and, 5=I don't know yet if it helped me in my work   |
| Backmap (check the box 1-5)  |
| Two-week planner (check the box 1-5)   |
| Snapshot (check the box 1-5)   |
| Lewis Rubric (check the box 1-5)   |
| d Please use the space below to write down other questions that could provide essential information to your district in transitioning to TPBL.   |
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### FAST Forward Quarterly Planning Professional Development Survey Review October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 [BP-MM]

A survey draft was circulated among the district teams attending professional development for Q2 On site P3 PD. Four of the eight FAST districts participated: Amanda Clearcreek Local, Berne Union Local, Walnut Township Local, and Lancaster City. Due to limited time in the professional development schedule, a paper copy was given to each participant to be reviewed individually rather than discussed as a group as planned. The participants were asked to those select questions they found useful on the copy of the survey, and hand it back in to the KC staff (Meghen Matta). These survey question sheets were anonymous and were intended to obtain informative feedback from the districts on which questions to move forward in the FAST evaluation process. Some districts worked in groups to review the survey questions, and others worked individually.

Below is the survey question sheet circulated among the participants in addition to a table, indicating question 'popularity'. The table includes question numbers with the corresponding 'popularity' of the question. The number indicates the number of respondents who selected the question as 'useful'.

In the following table, the 'Number of respondents' represents the number of participants who selected each question.

| KC Proposed Post PD Teacher Survey Questions   | Number of respondents (n=10) |
|--|------------------------------|
| Q1. What is the purpose of a problem?  | 4                            |
| Q2. Is there a difference between a project and a product?   | 8                            |
| Q3. Does pre and post assessment drive real time course correction?  | 3                            |
| Q4. Were there concepts presented in P3 that you were immediately able to put into practice in your classroom? | 3                            |
| Q5. Do you intend to implement TPBL in your classroom?   | 8                            |
| Q6. Does presentation of learning to an authentic audience affect project mgmt.?                               | 3                            |
| Q7. What are the main benefits of TPBL?  | 4                            |
| Q8. Do you think the P3 podcasts helped you build your TPBL skills?  | 3                            |
| Q9. Please rate the importance of resources  | 4                            |
| Q10. What is the most useful tool for your work? (rate following)  | 4                            |
| Q11. Other suggested questions?  | 1*                           |

<sup>\*</sup>Respondent selected box adjacent to 'Other Suggested Questions?" but did not include additional questions.

### FAST Charrette [BP-MM] October 16, 2014

### **Berne Union School District**

PF Participants: Ketal Patel, Meghen Matta, Ellen Cahill (ESC)

Berne Union Participants: Jon parker (HS Principal), Craig Heath (Guidance Counselor), and David MacManis (K-12 Tech coordinator). The layout of the buildings for Berne Union are unique in that the district offices, high school, and elementary school are in the same building.

### **Grant Goals:**

- To build up common language and definitions among staff, "create a dominant discourse"
- Auditorium for video an audio, which can be used to screen movies for community, utilizing 'preview' time to showcase student work
- Creating greater access to technology for k-12 system

### **Collaboration:**

 Principal is in communication with staff and Superintendent regarding space relocation for teachers

### Teacher Engagement:

- Teachers have a 'limited awareness' of PD opportunities, they will be made available to them in the future (via 1 pager from PF)
- Teachers have a general overview of FAST grant

### Student Engagement:

- Students have voiced need for new technology
- Students are currently working in a student led system for many classes as well as utilizing projects

### Administration/District Level Engagement:

- Curriculum coordinator has already plotted testing map to help elevate pressure on teaching staff and facilitate 'time to play' with TPBL and projects
- Staff feels fully supported by Principal
- Teachers are currently given 'autonomy' and freedom to innovate

### **Community and Partnerships:**

- Understand of community partnership opportunities is low
- Possible partnership with local hospital, and Columbia gas, and the Shelly Company

### Resources and Sustainability:

- The school currently has a wireless network that extends to grounds outside of the building
- The school is stocked with full Adobe Suit for tech usage
- Students are 'paperless' in the building and both students and teachers utilize Google docs for assignments

- Chemistry /physics teacher is allowing students to review content online prior to and following lesson, utilizing class time for labs and projects
- All staff have an interactive white board, currently one teachers 'screenshots' her notes throughout the lesson and posts them online for students
- Current tech coordinator pushes useful apps to early adopter teachers for use
  - These early adopters are then approached by other staff, until apps circulate throughout all staff in the building

### **Constraints:**

- Space in the building is an issue
- State testing is also high on teacher priorities and concerns
- Only one tech lab that is locate in the HS (lab is used by both HS and MS) and is 'always booked'



### Knowledge Capture APPENDIX FAST Forward IRB

The Knowledge Capture Program initiated preparation for work to support implementation of three Straight A Grant Projects awarded to the Fairfield Educational Service Center in August 2014, including FAST Forward, Growing SOIL, and Math Matters. A major component of preparation to engage in formative evaluation activities consisted of submitting a research application seeking approval for human subjects research. Three separate applications were submitted and approved by the PAST Foundation Internal Review Board. Additionally, a document providing basic information about the Knowledge Capture formative evaluation process was also prepared and submitted to each of the participating districts involved in the Straight A Projects. The IRB Application and the Knowledge Capture document, "Formative Evaluation for Districts," are both included in this appendix.





# PAST FOUNDATION – KNOWLEDGE CAPTURE (KC) PROGRAM

The PAST FOUNDATION works with schools and districts to support school transformation in a range of unique challenges and successes of program implementation. The KC team works with educators within ways. A key component of the work is conducted by the Knowledge Capture team, who document the processes from the experience of program participants. KC data supports effective models of change schools from district-level administration to the classroom.KC provides insight about implementation for use within the educational system.

### THE KNOWLEDGE CAPTURE PROGRAM

Tasked with supporting implementation

FAIRFIELD EDUCATION
SERVICE CENTER
STRAIGHT A GRANTS

**GROWING SOIL** 

FAST FORWARD

MATH MATTERS

# Knowledge Capture (KC) Field Observations

underway. This feedback identifies effective processes to advance implementation that meets process, the KC team will provide important feedback to the implementation team as work is all aspects of program goals. Feedback empowers modification to better meet the needs of individual schools or districts in achieving strategic outcomes that fully maximize the success The field team will conduct observation of initial meetings, workshops and training sessions held during fall 2014 for all three projects. Through observation of the implementation of the STRAIGHT A Grant Program.

# Knowledge Capture (KC) Interviews, Focus Groups and Surveys

focus groups and surveys with project teams at strategic points during the 2014-15 academic year. Additionally, one-on-one interviews may be conducted with administrators and others Assessing effectiveness of each grant's implementation design, the KC team will conduct from within the district to gain insight on first-hand experiences with the implementation implementation strategies in ways that better meet the needs of individual districts and orocess. This type of 'formative evaluation' helps shape essential modification of schools involved in each project.

### Knowledge Capture Protocols

conducting interviews, focus groups, and surveys. The packet includes essential information about the KC Program, 'informed consent' documents, a description of the purpose of the implementation evaluation, constraints on use of data, as well as important details about Your district has received a packet of information regarding confidentiality protocols for voluntary participation.

### PAST Foundation - September 5, 2014

**IRB Application: FAST** 

**Project Title:** 

### **Project FAST Forward (Fairfield Advancing Students and Teaching)**

### LIST OF DOCUMENTS

- A. Cover Letter
- B. PAST Foundation IRB Protocol
- C. IRB Application: September 5, 2014
- D. Knowledge Capture Bibliography
- E. Knowledge Capture Data Management Protocol
- F. Written Consent Adults: Audio, Video, Observation, and Written Notes
- G. Written Consent Adults: Observation and Written Notes
- H. Informed Consent Adults: Online Survey Anonymity Protocols (www.pastfoundation.org/xxx)
- I. Informed Consent Adults: Website Statement on Participation in Anonymous
  Online Survey
- J. Informed Consent Adults: Online Confirmation and Statement of Agreement to Participate in an Anonymous Online Survey
- K. Verbal Consent Adults: Audio, Video, Observation and Written Notes
- L. Appendix: Sample Interview, Focus Group, and Survey Questions
  - 1. Sample Interview/Focus Group Questions: Administrative Staff
  - 2. Sample Interview/Focus Group Questions: Teachers
  - 3. Proposed Schedule of Survey Questions: Teachers

PAST Foundation IRB Application

Submitted September 5, 2014

Project Name: FAST Forward (Fairfield Advancing Students and Teaching)

IRB Approval Number: 2014-09-0010ETH

I have reviewed the application for the *FAST Forward* IRB and supporting consent documents, and approve submittal to the PAST Foundation IRB Committee. Please let us know if you would like any clarification.

We look forward to your speedy approval. Thank you for your time and consideration

Sheli O. Smith, Ph.D.

PAST Foundation IRB Compliance Officer

Sheli O. Smith



### PAST Foundation Human Subjects Institutional Review Board Application For Review

### 1. Project Title

### FAST Forward (Fairfield Advancing Students and Teachers)

### 2. Principle Investigator

Name: Monica S. Hunter Degree and Date: Ph.D. 2003

E-Mail: mhunter@pastfoundation.org

Phone: 614-340-1208

### **Co-Investigators**

| Name              | Title                     | Degree and Date |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Maria Green Cohen | Senior Research Associate | M.A. 1990       |
| Meghen Matta      | Research Associate        | B.A. 2012       |

### 4. Key Personnel

| Name          | Title            | Degree and Date |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Ellen Cahill  | Grant Consultant | Ph.D. 2009      |
| Josh Federer  | Tech Support     | B.S. 2007       |
| Vincent Blake | Tech Support     | B.S. 2009       |

### 5. Financial Conflict of Interest

☐ Yes ☑ No

### 6. Funding Sources for Study

| Source           | Contact                          | Percentage of Overall Budget |
|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Straight A Grant | Marie Ward, Ph.D.,               | 10%                          |
|                  | Superintendent, Fairfield County |                              |
|                  | Educational Service Center, 955  |                              |
|                  | Liberty Drive, Lancaster, Ohio   |                              |
|                  | 43130, 740-653-4053              |                              |



| 7. Location of Research |  |  |
|-------------------------|--|--|

| Institution or Organization Name     | Address   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Amanda Clearcreek Local Schools      | 328 East Main St., Amanda, OH 43102, various        |
| Berne Union Local                    | 506 North Main St., Sugar Grove, OH 43155           |
| Bloom-Carroll Local School District  | 5240 Plum Rd., Carroll, OH 43112                    |
| Fairfield Union Local Schools        | 6417 Cincinnati-Zanesville Rd. NE, Lancaster, OH    |
|                                      | 43130   |
| Lancaster City School District       | 345 East Mulberry St., Lancaster, OH 43130, various |
| Liberty Union-Thurston Local Schools | 1108 South Main St., Baltimore, OH 43105, various   |
| Pickerington Local Schools           | 90 East St., Pickerington, OH 43147, various        |
| Walnut Township Local Schools        | 11850 Lancaster St., Millersport, OH 43046, various |

| B. Expedited Review |   |
|---------------------|---|
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| ☑ Yes □ No          |   |
|                     |   |
| 9. Project Summary  |   |

Conduct formative evaluation of program implementation for *FAST Forward*: (Fairfield Advancing Students and Teachers). The research team will work collaboratively with key program implementation staff to document challenges and achievements during implementation of STEM transdisciplinary problem based learning. Program evaluation will focus on analysis of the implementation design, informing successive phases of implementation during the 2014-15 academic year through ongoing review of program goals and objectives.

### 10. Research Objectives

Develop qualitative and quantitative ethnographic analysis of the experience of school administrators, classroom teachers, and others engaged in *FAST Forward* to systematically document the experience of program participants including understanding fundamental aspects of the program identified by administrators and program partners as key to meeting program goals and objectives. Research may involve defining characteristics of a range of elements of the program that may include: 1) factors associated with adapting to use of STEM TPBL learning strategies; 2) factors associated with teacher success and challenges in transitioning to STEM TPBL; 3) factors associated with developing teacher networks that support collaboration in establishing best practices; and, 4) underlying cultural shifts that occur among teachers and their students in a STEM learning environment.



### 11. Research Methods and Activities

Primary ethnographic data will be collected utilizing standard ethnographic methodology that may include open-ended, one-on-one interviews; written and online surveys (e.g., www.surveymethods.com or www.surveymonkey.com) or questionnaires; group discussions in the form of focus groups or facilitated "breakout" groups; or structured observation of various activities such as school site visits, program strategy meetings, teacher training, and school staff meetings. Primary research may also be developed utilizing web-based interactive communication modes such as GoToMeeting™ or Zoom™ that support one-on-one or group discussions with key program implementers. Research may also include graduate and undergraduate student researchers from college programs in the social sciences including anthropology, folklore, or in education that may be recruited to join the PAST Foundation research team to participate in specific phases of field research. All observations will be documented with written notes taken at the time of the observation (utilizing a notebook and pen, smartpen, or laptop) and may also involve audio and/or video recording. Analysis of ethnographic data will provide a systematic evaluation of program implementation, and identify significant benchmarks associated with comparative changes in instruction during the 2014-15 academic year.

| 12. Types of Data Collection   |                |  |
|--|----------------|--|
| ✓ Audio Recordings   |                |  |
| ☑ Video Recording  |                |  |
| ☐ Still Images   |                |  |
| ☑ Data not publically available  |                |  |
| Repository   | Contact Number |  |
| PAST Foundation  | 614-340-1208   |  |
| ☑ Data, publically available   |                |  |
| ☐ Deception (if yes, explain in attachment)  |                |  |
| ☑ Focus Groups   |                |  |
| ☑ Internet or e-mail data collection   |                |  |
| $\square$ Material that may be considered sensitive, offensive, threatening or degrading |                |  |
| ✓ Observation of participants  |                |  |



| ☐ Oral history  |
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| ☑ Surveys, questionnaires or interviews (one-on-one)  |
| ☑ Surveys, questionnaires or interviews (group)   |
| ☑ Other: Please specify: Web-based meeting platforms that are designed for interactive one-on-one, or group discussion.   |
| 13. Describe Precautions for Anonymity  |
| Study participants will be assigned an identity code number at the onset of research (at the initial participation point). Once assigned a code number, study participants will only be identified by that code number and not by name or affiliation to a specific institution by name in any study documents including transcribed notes, reports or publications. All original research data will be managed by the PAST Foundation ethnographic Knowledge Capture Program staff, and will remain secured under lock and key. In the case of digital data, all electronic files will be maintained by the PAST Foundation and archived in passcode protected files. Access to primary data records will be restricted to the PAST Knowledge Capture Program research staff that includes the Senior Research Associate and Research Associate. |
| 14. Duration of Project   |
| September 15, 2014 to January 30, 2020  |
| 15. Date for destruction of private information   |
| All private information on paper and all audio- or video-recorded private information will be destroyed three years from completion of the study and final report publication.  |
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| 16. Number of Participants  |
| Up to 3500 individuals.   |
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| Up to 3500 individuals.   |
| Up to 3500 individuals.  17. Participant population   |
| Up to 3500 individuals.  17. Participant population  Age Range: 20 - 70   |



| ☐ Students   |
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| ☐ Unknown  |
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| 18. Are participants likely to be vulnerable to coercion or undue influence? |
| ☐ Yes ☑ No   |
| 19. Describe Participant Recruitment Techniques                              |

Ethnographic study participants will be invited through a voluntary self-selection process based on engagement with the *FAST Forward* program. Study participants will include K-12 school administrators, teachers, and others engaged in program implementation activities. Other study participants may be invited to participate through a self-selection process to include STEM partners from the surrounding community or region. The research design will follow the protocol for engaging a minimum of three participants ("rule of three") requiring that at least three individuals participate in an ethnographic study from each group or sub-group of individuals involved with STEM TPBL education implementation (e.g., teachers, administrators, community partners, etc.)

### 20. Incentives for Participation

Study participants will be invited to contribute their views and experiences on STEM TPBL program implementation in ways that will help to define critical benchmarks that demonstrate achieving program goals and objectives, and to identify barriers to successful implementation in ways that will improve successive phases of implementation design based upon feedback to the ethnographic research team. The value of this research is intrinsic to the collaborative nature of STEM program and network development and implementation.

### 21. Procedures for withdrawing from Study

Participants will be provided with information in writing decribing a procedure to request withdrawal at any time from the research study while the project is underway, including the option to request removal and destruction of all ethnographic documentation for that specific individual. Appropriate contact information for direct request to withdraw from the study will be included in the written information provided. The PAST Foundation IRB Officer will be the main contact person for requests to withdraw from the ethnographic study at any point in the project.



#### 22. Type of Informed Consent

- ✓ Informed Consent Form; signature required (please attach)
- ☑ Informed Consent Verbal Script; verbal consent required (please attach)
- ☐ Informed Consent to Participate in Research, Online Survey (please attach)
- ☑ Online Survey Anonymity Protocols (please attach

#### 23. Describe Consent Protocol

Participants will be given written consent for ethnographic observation and documentation, as well as for participation in audio and video recorded interviews, discussions and classroom activities. Study participants may also be provided the opportunity to complete pre- and post-training online surveys. All study participants will be provided with a scope of work and objectives of the study in a written descriptive statement provided to them. The information provided will include a description of the use of any primary data developed, and restrictions on use of the data for the stated goals and objectives of the ethnographic research study for this project. The document will also include the IRB approval number and effective study period and will provide contact information of the PAST IRB Officer for study participants should questions or concerns arise.

When audio or video recording is involved, study participants will be informed prior to initiating recording and will be asked to give their consent prior to initiating recording. Once recording commences, study participants will be asked to repeat their consent at the onset of recording so that the recorded information includes each participant stating their verbal consent for the use of recording equipment.

Protocols for online survey participation will be provided in written format prior to survey administration to all potential survey participants via an online link to the PAST Foundation website (<a href="www.pastfoundation.org">www.pastfoundation.org</a>). As with all components of the research, potential survey participants will have the option to consent or decline participation in anonymous surveys conducted by the research team. The online survey process will require each participant to confirm their voluntary participation and that they have reviewed the research protocols and information regarding the purpose of the research, restrictions on use of the data collected, and anonymity protocols, prior to completing the online survey.

No other uses of primary ethnographic data will be permitted unless specific permission is sought from a project manager or from a study participant. In either event, all



ethnographic study participants involved would be contacted and informed of the request for use of the data, and each individual would be required to agree to a different use of the data beyond the original consent given by each ethnographic study participant.

#### 24. Describe Provisions for Insuring Participant Privacy

All research information will be coded for anonymity, and will be held under lock and key for the purpose of completing this project. No information will be provided reqarding study participant identity for any reason at any time during the study or at any period following conclusion of the study except as required by law pertaining to human subjects research. If a study participant wishes to release a transcript of their one-on-one interview for use by another entity, the study participant will be required to submit a written request to the PAST Foundation for release of the specific data, and identify the entity or researcher that should receive the original interview transcript. In this case, no other data other than that of the individual study participant would be released and the data would only be released to the individual or institution specified in the written request.

#### 25. Describe Confidentiality Procedures

All research information will be coded for anonymity, and will be held under lock and key. Only the PI, research associate, and research assistant will have access to primary data. Core project staff will have access to the research materials developed and presented in aggregate form for the period of the study. Additionally, all project research staff will be required to review and follow a written protocol for data management and will observe the confidentiality protocols including maintaining assigned code identities during all phases of research. (See attached document, "Ethnographic Data Management Protocol.")

#### 26. Does this research require HIPAA authorization?

No.

#### 27. Describe Anticipated Benefits of the Project

Documentation of STEM program development and implementation of those engaged in the *FAST Forward* program implementation will provide critical understanding of successful and evolving design and implementation processes that can inform others on best practices to support administrator, teacher, student and community transition to STEM education. This research can also inform best strategies for broader stakeholder involvement, including parents and community members.



| 28. Describe Risks or Harms for Project Participants   |
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| None.  |
| Tronc.   |
| 29. Does this research involve greater than minimal risks to participants?   |
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| $\square$ Yes $\boxtimes$ No (If yes, please describe how research will be monitored to insure low as possible risk or harm) |
| 30. Will there be any reimbursements to participants?  |
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| No reimbursement will be issued to study participants by the PAST Foundation.  |
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| 31. Dates for Interim and Final Reports  |
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| Final Report due by October 30, 2015.  |
| 22 List all Appropriate by Title   |
| 32. List all Appendices by Title   |
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| Appendices will include: 1) a copy of the the written and online consent forms; 2)   |
| sample questions for interviews, focus groups and surveys.   |
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| 33. List Synergistic Projects  |

# **PROJECT 1 TITLE:** PAST Foundation, Kelleys Island Schools, Straight A Grant 2014 STEM Outdoor Innovation Lab Report (247p.)

<u>PROJECT 1 LOCATION</u>: Columbus, Akron, Reynoldsburg, and Rootstown, Ohio.
<u>PROJECT 1 RESEARCH FOCUS</u>: STEM Outdoor Innovation Lab [SOIL] program evaluation and ethnographic study of teacher and student program achievements during SOIL program implementation.

## <u>PROJECT 2 TITLE</u>: 2012-2013 Africentric, Linden, and West Feeder System Transformation (189p.)

PROJECT 2 LOCATIONS: Columbus, Ohio.

**PROJECT 2 RESEARCH FOCUS:** Teacher professional development program evaluation and ethnographic study of teacher and administrator views on STEM transition program achievements for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years.

#### <u>PROJECT 3 TITLE</u>: The Linden Feeder System Transformation Report 2011 (95p.) <u>PROJECT 3 LOCATION</u>: Columbus, Ohio.

<u>PROJECT 3 RESEARCH FOCUS</u>: Teacher professional development program evaluation and ethnographic study of teacher and administrator views on STEM transition program achievements for the 2010-2011 school year.



### <u>PROJECT 4 TITLE</u>: Knowledge Capture: Documenting "College Ready" Concepts and Goals at Two Ohio STEM Schools

**PROJECT 4 LOCATIONS:** Dayton and Columbus, Ohio.

<u>PROJECT 4 RESEARCH FOCUS</u>: Gathered data on perceptions of what college readiness involves from the perspective of students and adults engaged in various ways with the schools.

### <u>PROJECT 5 TITLE</u>: Metro High School: An Emerging STEM School Community

**PROJECT 5 LOCATION:** Columbus, Ohio.

**PROJECT 5 RESEARCH FOCUS:** Systematically explored principles, processes and expectations associated with the Metro High School networked community.

# <u>PROJECT 6 TITLE</u>: Morriss Math And Engineering Elementary School: A Case Study of K-5 STEM Education Program Development

**PROJECT 6 LOCATION:** Texarkana, Texas.

**PROJECT 6 RESEARCH FOCUS:** Focused on development process of STEM school program with attention to professional development and partnership with higher education.

#### 34. Bibliography (please attach)

#### 35. Assurances

I agree to follow all applicable policies and procedures of the PAST Foundation, local, state and federal laws that guide and protect human subjects in research, as well as professional protocols, standards and ethics that are accepted by anthropologists and Human Services as good research practices including but not limited to the following:

- Perform the research as approved by the PAST IRB under the direction of the Principal Investigator (or Advisor) utilizing trained and/or qualified personnel with adequate resources.
- 2. Initiate the research only after written notification of IRB approval.
- 3. Obtain and document (unless waived) informed consent from human subjects or their legal guardians prior to their involvement in the research using the currently approved IRB consent form and/or informed consent procedures.
- 4. Inform all key research staff and students assisting in the research of their obligations in meeting all the policies and protocols of the IRB approved research.
- 5. Promptly report to the IRB events that may represent unanticipated problems involving risk to subjects or others.
- 6. Provide significant new findings to IRB as an addendum for decision as to revising the informed consent for subjects.



- 7. Inform IRB of all changes in the project before implementing changes.
- 8. Provide regular reporting to IRB (at minimal annually), including but not limited to a final report of the research.
- 9. Maintain all research related documents in a secure location for the specified IRB amount of time, so that the validity of research and the confidentiality of the subjects are maintained.
- 10. At the end of the specified time for document retention (not to exceed three years) all documents containing confidential data are destroyed.

I verify that the information provided in this review of human subject research is accurate and complete.

Signature of Principle Investigator Date: September 5, 2014

Monica Hunter, Ph.D.

Printed Name of Principle Investigator

Innie S. Hente, Ph. D.

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# PAST FOUNDATION KNOWLEDGE CAPTURE PROGRAM ETHNOGRAPHIC DATA MANAGEMENT PROTOCOLS

The following information provides detailed instructions for data management of all transcribed interviews and observations for the Knowledge Capture Program. Remember that anonymity of study participants is the highest priority and the following measures are intended to assure that all information is systematically recorded and coded as required by human subjects guidance. The following information also provides a method for uniform identification of primary data files and transcripts.

At all times, refrain from speaking about interviews or observations among the Knowledge Capture staff in areas where others **may** be present. This includes the PAST office and the common meeting areas within the PAST office where discussions may be overheard by visitors or others not associated with a given research project.

Project work sessions that involve discussion and review of interview data or observation data will be held in a closed session open only to the core ethnographic research staff. Discussions that include review of the content of interviews and observations may also need to be scheduled offsite in order to assure that working sessions are conducted in such a way that no information about specific interviews or observations of research activities are inadvertently discussed where others may overhear specific comments about a student, teacher or other individual participants who are involved in a PAST Knowledge Capture ethnographic study.

This guidance is intended to assure that the *human subjects protocols* are met in every instance and in every way possible. Please direct questions to the Knowledge Capture Program Director, or to the Project PI regarding *human subjects* concerns.

#### **B. STUDY PARTICIPANT CODES**

All study participants will be assigned a multiple-digit code that will identify interviews and observations associated with a particular individual. The code categories will be developed as a unique set of identity codes for each individual research project. As an example, codes may be assigned that reflect distinct stakeholder groups or STEM program group codes as in the following example:

#### **Code Categories (example)**

| Key Informant Interviews | 101-199 |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Administrators and staff | 201-299 |
| Teachers                 | 301-399 |
| Parents                  | 401-499 |
| Community Partners       | 501-599 |
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### C. INTERVIEW AND OBSERVATION TRANSCRIPTS - commonly used words

The following abbreviations can be used in transcribed notes:

| ABBR | EVIATIONS        |
|------|------------------|
| ADV  | Advisory         |
| С    | Counselor        |
| G    | Graduate Student |
| KI   | Key Informant    |
| LP   | Learning Partner |
| MT   | Mentor           |
| Р    | Parent           |
| PG   | Parent group     |
| ST   | Staff            |
| S    | Student          |
| Τ    | Teacher          |
| T1   | Teacher 1        |
| T2   | Teacher 2        |
| TU   | Tutor            |
| V    | Visitor          |

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Other abbreviations may be developed as necessary to meet research priorities for maintaining privacy and anonymity of all individuals represented in interview transcripts, including those individuals who are referred to by name, but who may not be directly involved as a participant in the ethnographic research study.

#### D. FILE NAME FORMAT

Please use the following format to name electronic interview transcription files. This will facilitate retrieval of information and specific files during the course of the study.

File names should appear as follows:

### (EXAMPLE) "OH 1001 KI INTV 2/08/08 JL"

| State<br>Code<br>(e.g.,<br>Ohio) | Informant<br>Code<br>Number | Key Informant | Type of transcript INTV - Interview OBSV - Clsroom Observation ADV- Advisory CLUB FM - Faculty Meeting TH - Town Hall Meeting WKSHOP -Workshop FT - Field Trip |      | Transcript<br>produced<br>by KC staff<br>or other<br>project<br>team<br>member |
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#### E. Archival file system description:

- 1. All electronic files will be named following the format above.
- 2. The original interview transcript file will be generated and reviewed for identifying information (e.g., individuals named in the interview, school or organization name) and codes will be assigned, removing all identifying references to specific individuals by name.
- 3. If an observation of a class or a club involves two different teachers, create one transcript file for each teacher. The header in the transcript document should identify the code number for T1 and T2, etc., as "T1=3001" and "T2=3015"
- 4. The final archival interview files will be kept on the PAST server in a passcode protected master file accessible only by the Knowledge Capture Program staff.
- 5. All records except the FINAL Archival PAST electronic files will be destroyed at the completion of the project at a point in time determined by PAST policies.

#### F. Transcribed Interview/observation documents

Please follow the format below in providing identifying information for all transcription documents:

**INTERV TEAM** (identify interviewer, note taker, observer)

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**INFORMANT CODE NUMBER** (ALSO ID any student or teacher entering the scene by designating as T1, T2, or C1, C2, etc. see list of abbreviations for terms).

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### **PAST Foundation Consent to Participate in Research**

(Adult Audio Recording, Observation and Written Documentation)

**Study Title: FAST Forward (Fairfield Advancing Students and Teachers)** 

Monica S. Hunter, Ph.D., Maria Cohen, M.A. and Meghen **Researchers:** 

Matta, B.A.

PAST Foundation, Columbus, Ohio **Research Organization:** 

Fairfield County Educational Service Center, Lancaster, **Sponsor:** 

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This is a consent form for research participation. It contains important information about this study and what to expect if you decide to participate.

9 Your participation is voluntary.

Please consider the information carefully. Feel free to ask questions before making your 10

decision whether or not to participate. If you decide to participate, you will be asked to sign 11

this form and will receive a copy of the form. 12

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#### **Purpose:**

The study is intended to provide an understanding of the development of STEM education in 15

the school districts participating in **FAST Forward**. The school districts, which will begin 16

transitioning to STEM in September 2014, provide an excellent opportunity to conduct 17 18

research that will document and analyze key factors associated with goals for STEM education for K-12 students. The study may also explore aspects of the school and/or 19

community development and partnerships that support networks working collaboratively to

develop STEM education. This project will combine the expertise of a team of 21

anthropological ethnographers and educators to insure that variable components of the study

are included. The information generated by this study will inform future STEM education

studies and will help identify key factors associated with academic excellence, as well as

critical information for policy makers and educators engaged in creating new STEM based educational opportunities.

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#### **Procedures/Tasks:**

The study will involve several methods to gain information about **FAST Forward** schools, 29

including one-on-one interviews, group discussions, and observations of school activities. 30

Study participants will include teachers, students and others engaged in the FAST Forward 31

schools transition to systematically document the experience of first-year program 32

participants and organizational partners. Ethnographic Research Team members conducting 33

interviews, group discussions, or observations will record these activities by audio recording 34

and/or hand-written notes. You may be asked to complete a written questionnaire or survey 35

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36 as part of the study. The information gathered for this study will not be utilized for any purpose other than to contribute to the completion of this research project. 37

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#### **Duration:**

The study will be conducted during the 2014-2015 school year and will conclude at the 40 close of the 2019-2020 school year. If you agree to participate in the study, you may elect to 42 leave the study at any time. If you decide to stop participating in the study, there will be no penalty to you, and you will not lose any benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. Your 43 decision will not affect your future relationship with the PAST Foundation, the participating 44 **FAST Forward schools,** or any other organization involved with the study. 45

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#### **Risks and Benefits:**

- You will not benefit directly from participating in the study. 48
- 49 *There are no risks associated with participation in this study.*

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#### **Confidentiality:**

All study records will be maintained by the Ethnographic Research Team in a secure location, 52 and access to research files will be strictly limited to the Ethnographic Research Team. All 53 data provided to the Project will be coded utilizing a system that will assure anonymity of 54 study participants and will not carry identifying information including the names of 55 56 individuals participating in the study. While the results of the research may be presented at conferences and/or in published papers, all individual responses will remain confidential. 57 Following completion of the study, all original hard copies of study records will be destroyed 58 59 after three years. A single copy of all study materials will be maintained in electronic format by the PAST Foundation. If at any time there is a request to utilize this data as part of a 60 following study, such as use as part of a larger research project to compare STEM education 61 62 implementation activities with other schools, you will be contacted and asked to give specific permission for use associated with the data request at that time. 63

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The PAST Foundation will observe strict protocols to keep your study-related information confidential. However, there may be circumstances where this information must be released. For example, personal information regarding your participation in this study may be disclosed if required by state law or federal law.

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#### **Incentives:**

You will not be compensated in any way to participate in the study.

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#### **Participant Rights:**

You may refuse to participate in this study without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. If you are an employee at the PAST Foundation or at the participating **FAST Forward schools**, your decision will not affect your employment status.

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If you choose to participate in the study, you may discontinue participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits. By signing this form, you do not give up any personal legal rights you may have as a participant in this study.

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| 82<br>83          | An Institutional Review Board responsible for his Foundation reviewed this research project and for     | •   |
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### PAST Foundation Consent to Participate in Research

(Adult Observation and Written Documentation)

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Study Title: FAST Forward (Fairfield Advancing Students and Teachers)

Researchers: Monica S. Hunter, Ph.D., Maria Cohen, M.A. and Meghen

Matta, B.A.

Research Organization: PAST Foundation, Columbus, Ohio

Sponsor: Fairfield County Educational Service Center, Lancaster,

Ohio

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- This is a consent form for research participation. It contains important information about
- 7 this study and what to expect if you decide to participate.
- 8 Your participation is voluntary.
- 9 Please consider the information carefully. Feel free to ask questions before making your
- decision whether or not to participate. If you decide to participate, you will be asked to sign
- this form and will receive a copy of the form.

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#### **Purpose:**

- The study is intended to provide an understanding of the development of STEM education in
- the school districts participating in **FAST Forward.** The school districts, which will begin
- transitioning to STEM in September 2014, provide an excellent opportunity to conduct
- 17 research that will document and analyze key factors associated with goals for STEM
- education for K-12 students. The study may also explore aspects of the school and/or
- community development and partnerships that support networks working collaboratively to
- 20 develop STEM education. This project will combine the expertise of a team of
- anthropological ethnographers and educators to insure that variable components of the study
- are included. The information generated by this study will inform future STEM education
- studies and will help identify key factors associated with academic excellence, as well as
- 24 critical information for policy makers and educators engaged in creating new STEM based
- educational opportunities.

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#### **Procedures/Tasks:**

- 28 The study will involve several methods to gain information about **FAST Forward** schools,
- 29 including one-on-one interviews, group discussions, and observations of school activities.
- 30 Study participants will include teachers, students and others engaged in the FAST Forward
- schools to systematically document the experience of program participants and organizational
- 32 partners. Ethnographic Research Team members conducting interviews, group discussions, or
- observations will record these activities by **hand-written notes only**. You may be asked to
- complete a written questionnaire or survey as part of the study. The information gathered for

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this study will not be utilized for any purpose other than to contribute to the completion of this research project.

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#### **Duration:**

The study will be conducted **during the 2014-2015 school year** and will **conclude at the**close of the 2019-2020 school year. If you agree to participate in the study, you may elect to
leave the study at any time. If you decide to stop participating in the study, there will be no
penalty to you, and you will not lose any benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. Your
decision will not affect your future relationship with the PAST Foundation, the participating
FAST Forward schools, or any other organization involved with the study.

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#### **Risks and Benefits:**

- 47 You will not benefit directly from participating in the study.
- 48 There are no known risks associated with participation in this study.

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#### **Confidentiality:**

- All study records will be maintained by the Ethnographic Research Team in a secure location,
- and access to research files will be strictly limited to the Ethnographic Research Team. All
- data provided to the Project will be coded utilizing a system that will assure anonymity of
- study participants and will not carry identifying information including the names of
- individuals participating in the study. While the results of the research may be presented at
- conferences and/or in published papers, all individual responses will remain confidential.
- 57 Following completion of the study, all original hard copies of study records will be destroyed
- after three years. A single copy of all study materials will be maintained in electronic format
- by the PAST Foundation. If at any time there is a request to utilize this data as part of a
- following study, such as use as part of a larger research project to compare STEM education
- 61 implementation activities with other schools, you will be contacted and asked to give specific
  - permission for use associated with the data request at that time.

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The PAST Foundation will observe strict protocols to keep your study-related information confidential. However, there may be circumstances where this information must be released. For example, personal information regarding your participation in this study may be disclosed if required by *state law or federal law*.

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#### **Incentives:**

You will not be compensated in any way to participate in the study.

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#### **Participant Rights:**

- You may refuse to participate in this study without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. If you are an employee at the PAST Foundation or at the participating
- 75 **FAST Forward schools**, your decision will not affect your employment status.

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If you choose to participate in the study, you may discontinue participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits. By signing this form, you do not give up any personal legal rights you may have as a participant in this study.

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### PAST Foundation Informed Consent to Participate in Research

(Adult Online Survey)

Study Title: FAST Forward (Fairfield Advancing Students and Teachers)

Researchers: Monica S. Hunter, Ph.D., Maria Cohen, M.A. and Meghen

Matta, B.A.

Research Organization: PAST Foundation, Columbus, Ohio

Sponsor: Fairfield County Educational Service Center, Lancaster,

Ohio

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#### **Purpose:**

7 The survey is intended to assess professional development needs for teachers engaged in the

- 8 transition to STEM TPBL education, as well as to provide an understanding of the
- 9 development of STEM education in the participating **FAST Forward schools.** The school
- districts, which will begin transitioning to STEM in September 2014, provide an excellent
- opportunity to conduct research that will document and analyze key factors associated with
- goals for STEM education for K-12 students. The information generated by this study will
- inform future STEM education studies and will help identify key factors associated with
- academic excellence, as well as critical information for policy makers and educators engaged
- in creating new STEM based educational opportunities.

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#### Procedures/Tasks:

You will be asked to complete a survey, which should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete; however, you will have the opportunity to respond to open-ended questions and you will have the option to take more time to respond these questions if you so desire. You will be answering questions about your experience as an educator, challenges you have faced during the transition, and your opinions on areas of additional training that you feel would enhance the transition process for you, or for your school as whole.

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#### **Duration:**

Surveys will be conducted **during the 2014-2015** school year and may continue through **the close of the 2019-2020 school year**. If you agree to participate in the study, you may elect to leave the study at any time. If you decide to stop participating in the study, there will be no penalty to you, and you will not lose any benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. Your decision will not affect your future relationship with the PAST Foundation, the participating **FAST Forward schools,** or any other organization involved with the study.

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#### **Risks and Benefits:**

- *You will not benefit directly from participating in the study.*
- 35 There are no risks associated with participation in this study.

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#### **Confidentiality:**

- Your responses will be completely anonymous and confidential. The survey will be
- administered online through a SurveyMethods© link in a SurveyMethods.com Certified
- 41 Anonymous Survey. This means that your email ID and IP address associated with your
- survey response are not visible to PAST Foundation researchers. All survey records will be
- 43 maintained by the Ethnographic Research Team in a secure location, and access to research
- 44 files will be strictly limited to the Ethnographic Research Team. While the results of the
- research analysis may be presented at conferences and/or in published papers, all individual
- 46 responses will remain confidential.

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#### **Incentives:**

You will not be compensated in any way to participate in the study.

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#### **Participant Rights:**

- You may refuse to participate in this survey without penalty or loss of benefits to which you
- are otherwise entitled. If you are an employee at the PAST Foundation or at the participating
  - **FAST Forward schools,** your decision will not affect your employment status.

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- Once you initiate the online survey, you will be asked to confirm that you have read the
- information provided in this document and understand the anonymity protocols, with the
- knowledge that you are free to withdraw your participation at any time without penalty. You
- 59 will be able to take the online survey once you check the box that states, "I agree to
- 60 participate in this anonymous survey."

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- An Institutional Review Board responsible for human subjects research at The PAST
- Foundation reviewed this research project and found it to meet strict requirements to protect
- 64 confidentiality of the data collected for this study, and is consistent with applicable state and
- 65 federal regulations and PAST's policies designed to protect the rights and welfare of
- 66 participants in research.

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#### **Contacts and Questions:**

- You may review information about these protocols on the PAST Foundation website. You
- may also direct your questions, concerns, or complaints about the study to the Human
- Subjects Institutional Review Board at the PAST Foundation at 614-340-1208 and the
- appropriate person will respond to your questions and/or concerns.

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Welcome to our PAST Foundation FAST Forward Teacher Survey

This survey has been designed to help us understand your views about transdisciplinary problem based learning (TPBL) and the professional development that has been taking place at your school. Information disclosed in this survey will be anonymous, and has been certified for anonymity by SurveyMethods©, which means that your email ID and IP address associated with your survey response are not visible to the PAST Foundation. You can click on the "lock" icon below for more details about Survey Methods Certification for Anonymity.

There are 13 questions. Some of the questions are open-ended and you may respond with 1-5 sentences, though feel free to answer more fully as needed. You should be able to complete this survey in approximately 10-15 minutes, but have the option to take longer if you so desire. Your completed survey will help inform our professional development efforts during this school year, and also contribute to ethnographic analysis conducted by our Knowledge Capture team to help identify important program achievements and challenges you have encountered in the transition to TPBL.

Please click on the link below to the PAST Foundation website to review the anonymity protocols that describe the confidentiality of all research data. The password is "consent". This information will be available to you on the PAST Foundation website at any time you wish to review our research protocols. Should you have any questions concerning your participation in this study, please contact Monica Hunter directly at mhunter@pastfoundation.org or at 614-340-1208.

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#### **FAST Forward Teachers Survey**

| <b>*</b> 1. | This is an anonymous survey. The PAST Foundation uses survey data to assess professional development needs in      |
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|             | the transition to STEM TPBL education. Completing this survey will give you the opportunity to share your insights |
|             | and concerns anonymously.  |
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Your participation in this research is voluntary. You may choose not to participate. By checking the response below

|    | that states you agree to participate in this survey, you confirm that you have read and understand the PAST Foundation's Online Survey Anonymity Protocols provided for your review on the PAST Foundation website. You may review these protocols at any time on the PAST Foundation website (http://pastinnovationlab.org/?p=2310) |
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|    | O I agree to participate in this anonymous survey  |
| 2. | How long have you been an educator?  |
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|    | O Less than 1 year   |
|    | O 1 to 5 years   |
|    | O 6 to 10 years  |
|    | O 11-15 years  |
|    | O 16-20 years  |
|    | O More than 20 years   |
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| 3. | Are you a grade level teacher?  O Yes O No   |
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|    | lacksquare I have experience working collaboratively in grade level teams  |
|    | lacksquare I have no experience working collaboratively in grade level teams   |
|    | lacksquare I have experience working collaboratively in content area teams   |
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|    | lacksquare If other, please describe   |
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- 5. How comfortable are you working in teams?
  - O I am very comfortable
  - O I am comfortable
  - O I am uncomfortable

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Key Informant Interview Questions

# Project Title: FAST Forward (Fairfield Advancing Students and Teachers

We appreciate your interest in supporting the PAST Foundation's effort to provide an ethnographic understanding of the critical transition period of the STEM TPBL FAST Forward Program. The following questions are provided as a guide for discussing your role and perspective on the STEM TPBL FAST Forward Program. The interview will be conducted in a one-hour session that is designed to allow us to explore your views on the program including current goals and objectives of the program, as well as observations about important goals for future years. The information we gain through this interview process will be used as background to prepare for conducting ethnographic research with faculty and others that may be invited to participate from the community.

All key informant interviewees will not be identified by name or affiliation with any specific program, school or department within participating *FAST Forward* schools, and will be identified only by code number assigned to each interviewee to preserve anonymity. If you have any questions, or if you wish to withdraw from the study at any time, you may contact the IRB Officer at the PAST Foundation, 614-340-1208.

- 1. Please describe the STEM TPBL *FAST Forward* Program from your perspective.
- 2. What is your current role or interest in the STEM TPBL *FAST Forward* Program?
- 3. How long have you been involved with the STEM TPBL *FAST Forward* Program planning and implementation process?
- 4. In your view, what are the goals for the STEM TPBL FAST Forward Program?
- 5. What achievements do you believe will be essential to the success in the transition to STEM TPBL?
- 6. What are the primary challenges to implementation of the STEM TPBL *FAST Forward* Program in your view?
- 7. From your perspective, what are the goals and objectives of the STEM TPBL *FAST Forward* Program over the next several years?
- 8. Who else needs to be involved to achieve long-term goals and objectives?
- 9. How would you characterize the strategy for growing and sustaining the STEM TPBL *FAST Forward* Program to include essential resources and partnerships?



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#### APPENDIX A:

FAST Forward (Fairfield Advancing Students and Teachers)

# Potential Interview, Focus Group, and Survey Questions and Discussion Themes

- 1. Sample Interview/Focus Group Questions: Administrative Staff
- 2. Sample Interview/Focus Group Questions: Teachers
- 3. Proposed Schedule of Survey Questions: Teachers

# Proposed Schedule of Interview Questions: Superintendent/Principal

- 1. How long have you been principal/superintendent in your district?
  - a. For principal: How many teachers do you work with by grade?
  - b. For superintendent: How many schools are in your district?
- 2. Tell us briefly about your school/district and any preparations or actions to support the shift to STEM education. What do you perceive your role to be in the process?
- 3. In your view, what are the essential steps that need to be taken to support the transition to STEM education and transdisciplinary problem based learning (TPBL)?
  - a. What should the role be of the superintendent?
  - b. What should the role be of the principal?
  - c. What should the role be of the teachers?
  - d. What should the role be of parents?
  - e. Are there others who should play a role?
- 4. Have you been introduced in the past to TPBL in your training and experience as an educator and leader?
- 5. Inherent in STEM is access to technology and introducing both students and teachers to the benefits of online resources including distance learning, virtual mentoring and other virtual learning environments. What is your vision for your school and what is the timeframe in which you think you can implement steps toward achieving that vision?
- 6. Have changes occurred in this year of transition to STEM TPBL in the way that you work with:
  - a. Teachers?
  - b. Parents?
  - c. Community members?
- 7. What challenges have you encountered in this year of transition to STEM TPBL?
  - a. Were you able to address those challenges?
  - b. If not, how do you think you might address those challenges in the future?
- 8. What type of outreach has the district conducted for the students and parents about TPBL and STEM education?
  - a. How would you characterize the response?
- 9. What type of outreach has the district conducted with others in the community?
  - a. How would you characterize the response?
- 10. What are the strongest aspects of STEM TPBL in your view?
- 11. What are the weakest aspects of STEM TPBL in your view?
- 12. What are the main achievements of this year for STEM TPBL in your view?

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### Proposed Schedule of Interview/Focus Group Questions: Teachers

- 1. How long have you been a teacher?
  - a. Is this your first teaching assignment?
  - b. If not, what grade(s)/subjects have you taught?
  - c. Have you worked with students in other learning environments?
- 2. Prior to joining the faculty of your current school, where did you teach?
  - a. What grade(s) and subjects did you teach?
- 3. How many classes/subjects do you teach at your school?
  - a. Do you have assistance in the classroom?
  - b. How so?
  - c. Do you work in a grade level or content cohort with other teachers?
  - d. Do you work with a curriculum specialist, and if so, how often?
  - e. Do you work with others in the school district?
  - f. Do you work with others outside the school district?
- 4. What was your idea of STEM and transdisciplinary problem based learning (TPBL) before you came here to teach?
- 5. What is your idea now of STEM TPBL
- 6. What is your role during this year of implementation of STEM TPBL?
- 7. What is the role of others in this year of implementation of STEM TPBL?
  - a. The principal?
  - b. The superintendent?
  - c. Students?
  - d. Parents?
  - e. Community partners?
- 8. What are the strongest aspects of STEM TPBL in your view?
- 9. What are the weakest aspects of STEM TPBL in your view?
- 10. What are some of the key differences between STEM TPBL and other learning environments where you have taught?
- 11. What are the main challenges that you have encountered in this year of transition?
- 12. Were you able to address those challenges:
  - a. On your own?
  - b. In collaboration with others?
  - c. If so, who did you find helpful to you in developing solutions or strategies to meet challenges or solve problems that may have occurred?
- 13. In your view, what are the main achievements of this year of transition to STEM TPBL?

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### Proposed Schedule of Survey Questions: Teachers

- 1. How long have you been an educator?
  - a. How long have you been a teacher at your school?
  - b. What grade level(s) do you teach?
- 2. What content area(s) do you currently teach?
  - a. What content areas have you taught in your career?
- 3. Do you work in teams with other teachers?
  - a. If yes, how many teachers do you work with, and do you work in a grade-level team?
- 4. Do you work with a content area specialist(s), such as Special Education, Music, Art, etc., and if so, how often?
  - a. Who else do you work with in your school?
- 5. Have you had any prior exposure to or experience with transdisciplinary problem based learning [TPBL]? If so, please describe briefly.
- 6. Have you had experience working with other teachers collaboratively in grade level teams, or in content area teams? If yes, please describe briefly.
  - a. How comfortable are you working in teams?
- 7. How do you currently communicate with other teachers?
  - a. What are the most effective ways of communicating with others in the building?
- 8. How comfortable are you making the shift to transdisciplinary problem based learning (TPBL)?
- 9. Please describe your top three priorities for implementing TPBL in your classroom this year?
- 10. What do you anticipate to be the top three challenges in making the shift to TPBL?
- 11. Please tell us briefly about any preparations or actions that have occurred at your school to support the shift to TPBL education. You may simply list actions taken as a way to keep your response brief.

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