



Franklin Public Schools

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Superintendent's Report to School Committee October 23, 2018 School Committee Meeting

PD from Finland

On November 1, we will have a guest presenter providing professional development in three groups. Petteri Elo, a Finnish educator, will present on Phenomenon Based Learning (which is similar to what we call Project Based Learning). He will first present to the central office and principals, sharing his thinking and expanding ours regarding the role of the principal in leading PBL. Later that day, Petteri will meet with the Social Studies Curriculum Review team. The focus of that workshop will be on merging academic content with skills. In Finland, these skills are the T7 competencies. In MA, the revised curriculum frameworks in math, science, ELA and now social studies are being augmented with standards of practice, intended to merge skills with content. He will conclude the day with a three hour workshop after school for interested educators to participate in a hands on workshop to develop a PBL unit, with an emphasis on building in student voice and choice.

MassCUE Conference and Presenters

Last Thursday and Friday was the annual MassCUE Educational Technology Conference. This is the premiere conference in the region on the incorporation of instructional technology into the curriculum. It draws a crowd of approximately 3500 educators from across the region at Gillette Stadium. Franklin Public Schools sent about 18 people each day and we had five presenters:

- Franklin High School Students and Teacher Alyssa Taranto (Digital Design)
- Dan Chase, Technology Integrationist at FHS (School wide broadcasting)
- Joyce Edwards, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning (Digital Learning)
- Sarah Lewis, Teacher at Davis Thayer (Flipgrid -- a video app that integrates into Google Classroom)
- Ann Williams and Kate Merten, Teachers at Kennedy Elementary School (Augmented Reality)

Global Leadership Symposium

FPS educators were awarded two seats to the EF Global Leadership Symposium -- an all day event occurring on Saturday November 3. ESL educator Dawn Fernandes and Assistant Principal Craig Williams, both from Franklin High School, will be attending the event. The

program includes a keynote from Dana Morteson, Co Founder and CEO of World Savvy. There will be talks on Global education models from Finland and Singapore. Ed Leader 21 and Harvard Global Think tank will be presenting on defining the knowledge and skills students need to succeed in a global economy and the program will conclude with a student panel.

Parent Teacher Conferences and Professional Development Day

Reminder -- half-day for students Thursday and Friday, 10/25 and 10/26 for parent-teacher conferences.

Also no school for students on Tuesday, November 6 for a professional development day.