Big Ideas for Literacy Coaches

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- A Plan for Meeting the HSTW Five Literacy Goals
- “Reading Up A Storm” for the Hurricanes
- Professional Learning for the Faculty

Five Literacy Goals – based on HSTW (see Literacy Across the Curriculum by SREB p.17)
- Students will read 25 books per school year, 13 per semester.
- Students will write weekly in all classes.
- Students will use reading and writing strategies to help them understand and use the content of all classes.
- Students will write research papers in all classes.
- Students will be taught as if they were in honor language arts classes.

25 Books a year! Are you joking? Panic!
- Our students do not read for pleasure.
- Schedule Adjustment
- Professional Learning for Faculty
- Management Systems-Literacy Coach
- STAR Reading Test

25 Books a year! How we planned it…
- Teachers Panic!
- Post-planning workshop
  - Discussed requirements based on literacy plan
  - Carousel brainstorming on journal topics
    - Ownership from faculty
    - 12 prompts
    - Wanted 10 each =120 journal topics
    - Got approximately 265 journal topics

“Reading Up a Storm” How to manage it…
- Schedule Adjustment for 30 minutes
  - Reduced 5 minutes from each block
  - Eliminated the extra 8 minutes from 1st block
  - Reduced time between classes from 6 minutes to 5 minutes
- Silent Sustained Reading
  - 30 minutes time after 1st block
  - 20 minutes SSR
  - 10 minutes Journaling
- STAR Reading Test

Year 2 – How we are going to do it …
- Literacy Strategies – RW4L
  - Vocabulary Building
  - Word Attack
  - Summarizing
Professional Learning Meetings aka Faculty Meetings
- Literacy Strategies
- Building a High Performance Learning Culture
- Assessment FOR Learning

Leadership Team – Distributed Accountability
- Administrative dissemination
  - First Monday of every month – 4th block
  - Leadership Bulletin – Friday afternoons
- Department Chairs
  - Department Meetings
  - Minutes submitted to principal
  - Feedback
- Principal
- Assistant Principals
- Counselors
- Literacy Coach
- Media Specialist