

Advisory

Where Social-Emotional Learning meets Design Challenges

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Where our journey started...

Jack Berckemeyer idea

- Index Card Draft
- Purpose: Every student has an adult mentor / advisor in the school
- Building Goal 2016-17: Survey results showed students identified this as an area of growth for our school.
- Pros:
 - Every kid had an adult
- Cons:
 - Unstructured, little expectations, only one year of relationship

How and why advisory evolved...

Ron Clark Academy Houses

- Culture of Belonging
- School-wide Community
- Character Building



Altruismo

House of Givers

Color: Black

Country: Brazil



Amistad

House of Friendship

Color: Red

Country: Spain



Isibindi

House of Courage

Color: Green

Country: South Africa



Rêveur

House of Dreamers

Color: Blue

Country: France

What the structure looks like now...

Houses - just a formality

Advisory - 1 teacher / 18 students

1 hour / week

Shields

Induction



Other benefits to Advisory

Intentionality in relationships, looping

Cross-curricular, cross-grade level

Student-student relationships

Leadership Opportunities

How does that tie in to SEL?

Student buy-in has definitely increased!

Student Example of success in advisory vs. classroom (Kyle)

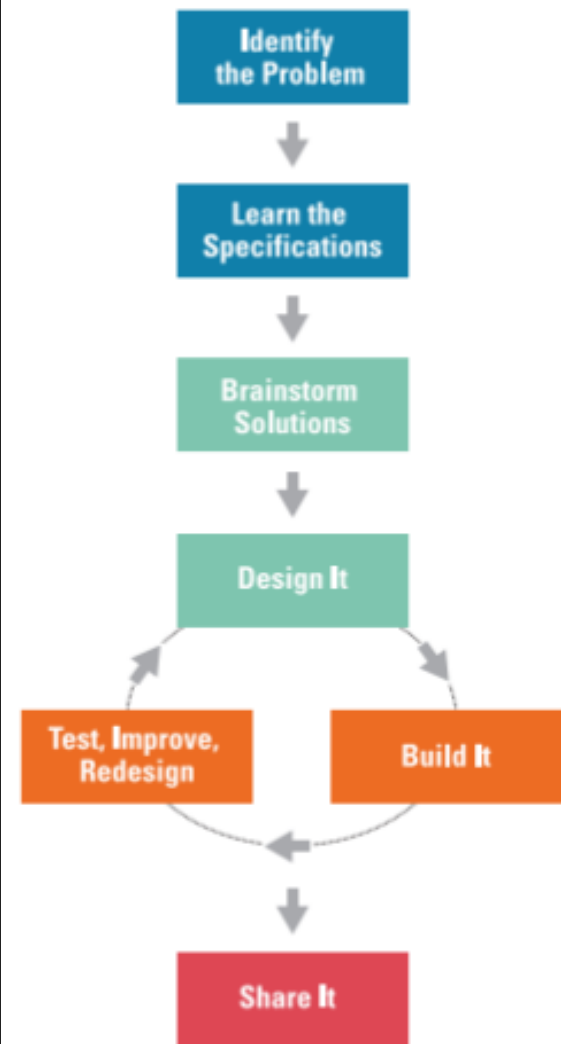
igKnight Leadership - advisory leaders are diverse, liaisons, and working on other projects throughout the school (flexible seating, values paintings)

Connections to community

Team-building, authentic challenges

What is a Design Challenge?

Present a real-life problem, guide students to solve the problem using STEM strategies. Students will cycle through the design thinking process at least once.



Future Cities...

Project: Identify an age-related challenge that exists in today's urban environments and engineer two innovative solutions that allow your future city's senior citizens to be as active, independent, and engaged as they want to be.

Deliverables: To-scale model of a portion of the city, SimCity, and Presentation of innovative solutions to age-related challenges.

<https://www.facebook.com/VanBurenMS/videos/1767865629960832/>

Future Cities...

Community Involvement

- Zoning Director
- Mayor
- Birchhaven Interviews
- Engineer visits - many types!
- Judges - Activities Director at Birchhaven, City of Findlay Engineer, City of Findlay Safety Director
- Special Guests Invited - board members, Superintendent, parents

\$ocial Change...

To raise awareness and funds for a need of the local population through the creation of educational advertisements and a money collection device.



\$ocial Change...



This year...

Five Mini-challenges:

(Science Team: Whatever floats your boat? Social Studies Team: What would be your perfect middle school classroom? Language Arts Team: Super Bowl Advertising. Math Team: Zipline)

Why Shorter?

Why Content Teams?

More intentional SEL

WE ARE USED TO CHANGE!

Improving our SEL and soft-skills integration this year

Mini-lessons from Family Resource Center - response to needs of our students



- Making Decisions
- Media Influences
- Coping with Anger
- Communication Skills
- Resolving Conflicts
- Resisting Peer Pressure

Handshake game

What can your Design Challenge look like?

In your classroom?

Within a few classrooms on your team?

School-wide?

Content? SEL?

