Project-based Learning Framework and Projects

Invention Education Webinar Series

Thursday, November 16, 2017
6:30 – 7:00 p.m. ET
Lemelson-MIT Program Overview

- 15 years of experience
- 228 high school teams
- 7 U.S. patents
Presenters Don Wilson and Scott Charlson

Don: Coordinator of Educational Technology
Scott: Project Based Learning Coordinator

Invention Education Experience

• Canadian Valley Tech Center (Oklahoma)
• ULearn Academy Partnership with sending schools
• MakerSpace Planning & Deployment
• Coordination with Tech Center Programs
• Adult & Continuing Education Classes
Presenter Mike Gallagher

- Technology Education department chairperson at Saratoga Springs High School, NY
- Master teacher PLTW
- Leader Educating Young Engineers program

**Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam Experience**

Saratoga High School InvenTeam
2008: the Garden Consultant
Technological inventions are:
• Useful (User-centric)
• Unique
• Reduced to practice (they work!)

Invention and Project-Based Learning

Inventing & Discovery

Iterative Design; Potential for Innovation

PBL

Service Learning Design Projects

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Celebrating invention, inspiring youth
Project-Based Learning Experiences at CVTech

Project Based Learning is Historically Central to the Career Tech Approach:
Most courses have projects embedded since the 1970s
Makerspace has “innovated” the system
Framework of PBL at CVTech

Three phases to any project.
Phase 1 Launch/Research/Design
Phase 2 Implementation
Phase 3 Reflection
Early Care Education Memorial Project

The Helping Tree

**Project Launch**- The task: finding a replacement for a planned bookshelf and memorial to sit in the entry of the daycare.
Early Care Education Memorial Project

Project Implementation-design and build the bookshelf with the help of Construction Trades and Auto Collision Repair classes.
Project Reflection - Wrote and illustrated a children's book as the project reflection which included feedback from most of the project participants.
Surgical Tech Life-Sized Operation Game

Project Launch:
The task: developing a fun and engaging recruiting tool for the program

Project Implementation:
Cross-program collaboration with Service Careers class for wood construction, and MakerSpace for the making of the internal organs (3D printing)

Project Reflection:
Surgical Technology students engaged 8th and 10th graders with this tool at school visits and on campus tours.
Educating Young Engineers program (EYE)

High school students help facilitate engineering programs outside of the school day for younger students.

Elementary students observed as their mock hot air balloon took flight.

Elementary students held up their Lego® Cars.

Elementary students held up the “Brush Bots” they made out of tooth brushes and battery-operated motors.
Funding Engineering and Inventing

High school students generate funds and excitement for the creation of engineering programs during the school day.

High School students worked with local PTO members to plan for EYE

High students worked on PLTW projects
To implement PBL...

- Team-based approach with the learner at the center supported by a learning coach
- Iterative design process
- Socratic questioning throughout along with ongoing formative assessment followed by action
- Summative assessment in concert with the learner in a project defense
Lemelson-MIT Resources

• Lemelson-MIT Program
  http://lemelson.mit.edu/

• InvenTeams National Grants Initiative
  http://lemelson.mit.edu/inventeams

• JV InvenTeams Curriculum Materials
  http://lemelson.mit.edu/jv-inventeams

• Inventor Archive
  http://lemelson.mit.edu/search-inventors
• The Buck Institute
http://www.bie.org/about
For general information and training on project-based learning. We hear from invention education teachers that they have or are interested in attending PD at the Buck Institute to learn more about PBL.

• EPICS program at Purdue University
https://engineering.purdue.edu/EPICS/k12
Integration of service learning and engineering through projects. Several invention educators utilize EPICS in their classrooms as preparation for InvenTeam projects or as smaller projects following InvenTeam projects.
Other Resources

• **Saratoga Springs EYE Program**
  Overview of the EYE program Video

• **CVTech Framework Google Doc**
  Oklahoma Horizons Video News Magazine Stories (Video One, Video Two)
  Oklahoma State Department of Career Tech Focus Video
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