

End of Week Reflections

February 26, 2016



On Thursday the 25th I started participating in a book study on John C. Maxwell's book *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*. There was a great discussion on INFLUENCE and the PROCESS of leadership. There will be 6 sessions over the next few weeks with 18 participants. I am looking forward to gaining more skills and insight on being a better leader. - **Jay Johnson**



Reviewing and analyzing responsibilities and assignments required much dedicated focus this week. The flexibility of the CCC team is very much appreciated. Each person was open to the analysis and finding the best fit for every opportunity. I enjoy serving the district with a great team constantly focused on making a difference for each student and staff member.



It has been a widely successful week. Laserfiche training this week advanced ISA's support of Human Resources' paper-less initiative. I participated, along with the technology leadership, in the book study on John C. Maxwell's book *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*. Its proving to be a beneficial experience. Professional Growth should be a goal of everyone. - **John**



Last week, I reflected on growth. This week, I watched as our experienced this same growth under pressure. As we encountered a challenge with a campus conversion, the team members jumped in to combined their individual skills to solve a new problem. Together they were able to diagnose and resolve the issue. The sense of urgency promoted their grow to success. I've never been prouder! **Paula Ross**



Working with the Internet Content Mgmt and Filtering Governance committee members on Wednesday, and feeling the comradery with the team of principals, librarians, instructional technology, and our team was genuine. With Greg Rhodes' leadership and the other members willingness to contribute, express concerns, and appreciate our staff and what we have completed with the Bond in a very short period of time was heartwarming. It is evident that the committee has evolved as well as our processes of keeping students safe! I am so grateful - **Frankie Jackson**



I realized that Success is not a destination you reach by standing still, you have to work at it every day. Being successful means that you have worked hard and you have not been standing still. You can only achieve your goals by working towards it. That's what makes us successful. That is what this department does. - **Larry Barrios**

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Last week we celebrated Presidents' Day. This made me reflect about how important it is to go to the polls and vote for the candidate of your choice, that will lead our country for the next four years. We celebrated Presidents' Day by looking back on how the presidents lead our country thorough good times and bad times. How they lead the country will effect us all. - **Jay Johnson**



This week like many others opened the door to new goals and opportunities. As the Technicians met together on Digital Learning Day we discussed that we encourage Digital Learning every day. Joined with a team of individuals day in and day out focused on every student and new opportunities never gets old. In fact, I feel it invigorates us for the next week and the opportunities that await us.



This week I pause to reflect on CFISD's focus 'Every Student Every Day'. This is exactly ISA's focus this week with access to online textbooks. Anyone can create a link-page full of links to every textbook. Creating a custom, student specific page with links to only the textbooks assigned to them is great. This is what Rodney White accomplished. Every Student Every Day- **John Crumbley**



In order to grow, they say you must take on jobs that demand a skillset you don't quite have yet, and let yourself agree to complete tasks that are out of your comfort zone. I learned pretty much everything I know of value by jumping directly into the deep end and figuring out how to swim. Nothing like a sense of urgency to spur progress. I feel like this depicts our department day in and day out. Thanks for jumping in! -Paula



Spending time at campuses on Thursday and talking to instructional staff at Thornton middle school was reaffirming and exhilarating. That campus has the vision of embracing blended learning by creating online lessons with rich multimedia. To do this requires a lot of bandwidth, secure but flexible content filtering options, and the ability to store videos that are accessible 24x7. These are the kind of teachers that LEAD others and push our technology service offerings to higher levels of performance. I appreciated Mr. Maxwell and his persistence to push us harder! – **Frankie Jackson**



I can not get over at the work that our department accomplishes at all levels. The work that this department does touches students, teachers and administrators at all levels. We make it possible for a student to learn, a teacher to teach and an administrator to be a better leader. Technology is present everywhere, and we are part of that - **Larry Barrios**

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Last week I met with the Facilities team about the renovation of Adam elementary school. This is just one of many project that will need to be completed before 2016-2017 school year starts. This made me reflect on how much work needs to be done before the start of school next year. With so many projects to complete in such a short time, it will be a very busy summer. - **Jay Johnson**



It has been a emotionally charged week full of highs and lows. Reflecting on the week reveals the simple fact, love what you do. There's an old saying 'love what you do and you'll never work a day in your life'. The accomplishments we see every day in CFISD are the reward. Working with the best staff achieving the goals we do, There's no where else we'd rather be. Thank you CFISD! - **John Crumbley**



As we made the recommendation at the February board meeting for Bond Goal 4 (Data Center Virtualization), our team felt a huge sense of relief. One team member said, "I think we may make it." I said , "We are on the final stretch of the overall infrastructure upgrade." When I think of successful teams implementing major technological upgrades, I think of our team! "**Starting strong is great. Finishing strong is epic.**" I appreciate staff that helped prepare the recommendation, and staff that stepped up to take on additional responsibilities so we could focus on the final recommendation. Thank you! – **Frankie Jackson**



As we begin the 34th week of this school year our focus on new achievements continues to increase. I saw multiple team members begin new projects. Their excitement was encouraging to see. Long hours and hard work does not deter our team – quite the contrary - encouraging students and providing new opportunities for them fuels our success. - **Jennifer**



It has been a wonderfully productive week. The planning and coordinating accomplished, built the foundation for the campus conversions that will take place next. Working with a team of true professionals makes all the difference. Knowing that I can continue working with the Bond planning initiatives confident that the team is meeting milestones is the best a manager can hope for. – **Paula Ross**



This past week there was a lot going on as usual, I watched as DII started planning the rollout of LanDesk and start to make preparations to move away from Novell. I realized that I was watching not a group of people working together but I was watching a team. I witnessed a collaboration of a team. I am so proud of DII - **Larry Barrios**

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Last week I had the opportunity to attend the CTO Winter meeting and heard from the keynote speaker Jamie Casap. Jaime's topic was Iteration and Innovation in Education. He talked about asking students what problem they want to solve not what they want to be when they complete school. I made me think what an interesting concept for our students. - **Jay Johnson**



This week I had the opportunity to attend the TCEA Conference (Texas Computer Educators Association). This is the premier education technology conference for Texas. I saw new instructional technology that changes the way teachers teach. I also got to talk with many current and potential vendors about technology. I am grateful for the opportunity and am better for it. - **John Crumbley**



We are working with the Schools and Library Division (SLD) for e-rate funding refunds and going through selective review questioning. This means that the SLD is considering our funding requests and verifying information, which may mean a decision for authorizing funding (cash backs) could be soon! It will be exciting for our district to receive e-rate reimbursements that could supplant the 2014 Bond allocation! I reflect on how thankful I am for Katie Hernandez and Kim Bowlin, and our e-rate partners EPS and ESC12.net, and all others who have helped along the way. Teamwork is amazing! - **Frankie Jackson**



This week we spent the week in Austin at the COSN and TCEA Conferences. I enjoyed meeting with others – those in school districts and vendors. Each meeting provided a chance to investigate new possibilities and share the amazing things we are doing in Cypress-Fairbanks. It was nice to know that the teams we have created were able to carry on the important work here in the district. Jennifer

- Paula Ross



This past week as I represented CFISD at CTO/CoSN event and then again at TCEA , I was reminded of how other districts are looking at CyFair to see what we are doing. The work that we do is not only important to us, but to others in our profession. - **Larry Barrios**