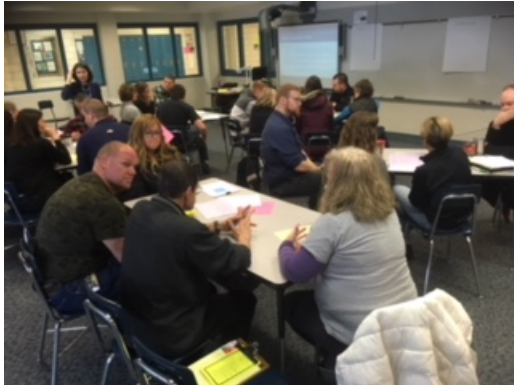


Curriculum & Instructional Technology

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Pine Valley Teachers Collaborate!

*“The most valuable resource that all teachers have is each other.
Without collaboration our growth is limited to our own perspectives.” – Robert John Meehan*



Growing and learning doesn't just take place in the lives of our students here at Pine Valley. Our faculty and staff often take advantage of opportunities to learn, explore something new and develop the instructional practice they share with their students daily. On Friday March 16th, Pine Valley faculty had the opportunity to learn and share alongside their counterparts from Bemus Point and Falconer Central School Districts during our Superintendent's Conference Day, held at Falconer Jr./Sr. High School.

The day was structured to provide relevant learning opportunities in the morning and a venue for teachers to share big ideas and best practices in the afternoon. Opportunities like this allow our teachers to learn from colleagues with different perspectives and experiences who share similar strengths and unique challenges that go along with small district size and rural location.

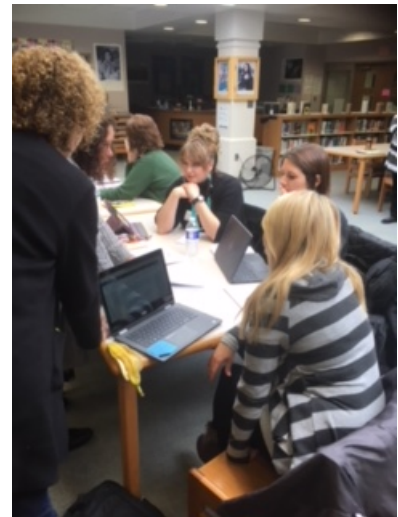
The focus of our Regional Collaborative Superintendent's Day was improving instruction for student learning. Teachers were welcomed with keynote speaker Jessica Hutchings from Kids Escaping Drugs before breaking into grade brand groups to discuss their shared understanding of curriculum, standards, instruction and assessment.



Our Art & Music teachers spent time with experts in their field learning more about the new Arts Standards. Our Library/Media Specialist learned about the wide variety of distance learning opportunities available to our district in hopes of connecting Pine Valley students to experiences beyond the classroom walls. Spanish teachers spent time with professors from SUNY Fredonia, while the CTE teachers visited the Manufacturing Technology Institute at Jamestown Community College where the mantra, “Design, Build, Test” is the focus of their work. Our special education teachers and related service providers learned

about new assistive technologies available to enhance instruction as well as deepen their understanding of instructional planning for students with autism. School counselors and psychologists explored best practice, therapy approaches and how to best support children and families in our community.

We are grateful to Falconer CSD for hosting this enjoyable day of learning and can't wait to see what transforms in our classrooms because of it.



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