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The 2017 Big Dog Challenge winners have formed teams. On November 28th the teams met and began the design thinking process: further define the problem, examine alternative solutions, and develop an MVP (Minimum Viable Product).

- Increased Recess Time - *Ideator: Jen Harmoning*. Team: Stacy Spindler, Anna Kunz. District Innovation Coordinator: Christine Glomski.
- The Alice Training Program – *Ideator: Maggie Maine*. Team: Mark Kolbinger, Dale Christensen, Tom Ueker. District Innovation Coordinator: Steve Malone.
- Outdoor Learning Space – *Ideator: Missy Olson*. Team: Jessica Warzecha, Brenda Holthaus. District Innovation Coordinator: Joe Prom.

The following ideas were identified as “Rollout Ready” and will go directly forward to implementation.

- Student and Staff Health – *Ideator: Josh Ihrke*. Another water bottle filling station will be added at the high school next summer.
- Recycling Bins/Bags Distinction – *Ideator: Dustin Weege*. Different colored bins for recycling will be utilized throughout the school district beginning with the high school in December.
- District Wellness – *Ideator: Dan Baird*. A committee of teachers and administrators met and developed guidelines for teachers who wish to exercise during their prep time. A committee of support staff and administrators is meeting in December to develop similar guidelines.

Thanks to the many staff members who participated in this year’s Big Dog Challenge. Your innovative spirit and the courage to dream will make our amazing school district even better!

