PLATO Online Learning (Train-the-Trainer) Plan

Overview of PLATO Learning:
PLATO (Programmed Logic for Automatic Teaching Operations) was built as a course work program by the University of Illinois for students, local schools, and other universities. PLATO is effective for students who have fallen behind, at grade level, or advanced, in accommodating their unique needs in an environment in which they will thrive. PLATO Learning is an online educational program that provides full curriculum coverage for K-12th grade students, with courses in Reading/Language Arts, Math and Science. Each PLATO online course is ready-to-use, and yet highly customizable, and incorporates basic and higher levels of learning, while aligned to state and common core standards.

Goals for Winans Academy PLATO Online Learning Train-the-Trainer Plan:
➢ Provide PLATO training in curriculum specific courses using Winans Academy Curriculum Coaches as experts in training the teachers (train the trainer model).
➢ Train teachers and support staff on teaching PLATO online courses.
➢ Provide teachers with a foundation for implementing high quality teaching and learning with PLATO.
➢ Ensure staff understands how to navigate the PLATO system for to obtain student reports, information, and quality resources.
➢ Provide training for teachers in analyzing data obtain from the PLATO System.

Long-term Goals:
➢ Provide teachers time with Curriculum Coordinator and Coaches to develop PLATO technology based units.
➢ Use PLATO to support the synthesis of information and demonstration of understanding of content Grades 3-12.
➢ Accommodate different teaching methods, a wide-range of learning styles and interconnected lifestyle of today's student.
➢ Through the use of properly trained facilitators, students will have more skill based instruction which will increase student achievement.

Related Goal:
➢ Provide grades 3-12 students with high quality technology-based student centered learning experiences that would not be possible without PLATO.

Steps:
➢ Set up training modules or ghost training within PLATO
➢ Make sure all teachers and para professionals have a PLATO Login name and Password
➢ PLATO train the trainer sessions with be Monday & Wednesday or Tuesday & Thursday (July 1, 2013 through July 18, 2013).

Results and Achievement:
- ➢ Teachers will transfer the knowledge of student-learner to teacher-facilitator in order to provide students with best possible learning outcomes
- ➢ Teachers will have the PLATO learning experience through the practice tutorial training
- ➢ At the end of the program, teachers will be able to apply the PLATO training during whole-group and individualized instruction, resulting in a dynamic, highly-customized and effective path to academic achievement for students.

Resources Need:
- ➢ Computer Lab
- ➢ Curriculum Coaches