What did you do?

Immediately after returning from my initial Van Lunen Fellowship program in July session in Grand Rapids, I set forth in putting everything in place for my project with strategic goals. With the help of my advisor, Mychal Thom, I was able to come up with strategic goals that would help my school over the next three years to become a much better learning organization and financially sound. Within these goals, We created the following:

1. The goal of becoming intentionally more questions and share the gospel of Jesus Christ to all of our students faculty and community.

2. To help our school become a better and more sound academic organization through disaggregated data and utilizing this to help our students excel.

3. Strategically aligning our school with an advisory Council that can help us become debt-free and more involved with our community.

What did you learn?

During my time in the Van Lunen Fellowship program, I learned that this is a lot of work! I realize that being an individual not enough even when you’re the owner and president of the board for your own school. While in this program, I even had the opportunity to open an additional school for preschoolers from six weeks old to five years old. In doing so I’ve learned a great deal of wisdom, character building, and networking skills that have allowed me to help my business grow. I have also learned the importance
of downtime and how to regenerate my soul so that I am able to give more to others around me.

What difference is it making in your school?

I truly believe that the Van Lunen Fellowship program afforded me the opportunity to learn more about myself and to learn more about how to effectively run the school. My team now says that I am a better leader and that I am more focused on the goals and the mission and the vision for our school. I also believe that has helped me be more spiritually sound in ascertaining higher levels in Christ. I truly believe that the Van Lunen Fellowship program afforded me the opportunity to learn more about myself and more about how to effectively run the school. I desire to take what I have learned and give this back to others so that they we can build better leaders within my school and to assist others in the local area to be better for their schools.