

PLC Share Out 2015

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In which school is this PLC team based?

Huband Park Elementary

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Professional Learning Communities often take up to three years to fully mature and produce consistent results in student learning. The next 2 questions seek to determine where you feel we are on the spectrum of PLC development. Please consider the STAIRS model and following quote, and choose a category below that best describes where your team/school was situated in relation to the definition at the beginning of the year?

"An effective professional learning community has the capacity to promote and sustain the learning of all professional and other staff in the school community with the collective purpose of enhancing pupil learning." (Creating and Sustaining Effective Professional Learning Communities, Louise Stoll et al, 2005, p 181)

starting the journey to become a professional learning community (have plans to achieve the steps)

Where do you feel your group fit on this continuum at the end of the year. At the end of the year our team was:

a developing professional learning community.

Where would you say your team is currently located on the Action Research wheel? (See Action Research model above:

2. Acting/Implementing

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PLC INQUIRY

1. Planning: What is/was your Inquiry Question?

We had two mini groups: One focused on "Do you know what you are eating and what it is doing to you?" and the upper intermediate question focused on: "How does poverty affect people?"

2. To what student need are/were you responding?

We were focusing on unhealthy eating habits and looking at world/local poverty issues and understanding social justice issues

3. ACTING: What actions/interventions/strategies did you or will you implement or explore?

In the upper intermediate project, we looked at Trash as a novel study; looked at drug addiction/diseases, water as a right for people. Both groups utilized Issues 21. We used district CST's, went to the LRC and attended the Issues 21 development sessions.

3a. What resources, materials, links, tools, experts, or research did you use?

Please provide details so others may easily access those same resources in their similiar inquiries. Issues 21, CST's, Novels, Bold Print, online learning resources.

3b. Did you co-create any new tools, assessments, resources or materials?

Yes.

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i. If so, for what grade level or subject area are they best suited?	Grade 4-7
ii. If they are accessible for other educators to use, where are they located?	Teacher created - in school

4. OBSERVING: What are/were the results of your inquiry/implementation/project?

Still in progress.

5. What types of information/observations/data did you monitor or collect to confirm your intervention is/was working?

t-charts, mind maps, PowerPoint Presentations, Graphic organizers

6. How did your project improve student learning? If you are just starting, in what ways do you anticipate your project will improve student learning?

Taught about concepts regarding healthy eating and poverty. Lead the students towards developing inquiry based projects.

7. REFLECTING: What are/were some of the highlights of your PLC journey so far? What worked well?

Integrating the Issues 21 and using the CST employees as a resource

8. What are/were some of the challenges? (By sharing this information, we are better able to identify needed resources, guides or solutions)

Difficulty getting the resources from the LRC due to bookings. Working with the diverse learning classroom to include challenged learners in the inquiry process.

9. What might be helpful to have/know/do next time in order to improve results or move forward?

Increased access to resources.

10. What are your next steps, moving forward? (i.e. Continue on same project, adapt or expand the project or start on a new focus area/project)

Continue on the same project

Thank you for your time and for sharing your insights, resources and learning with your colleagues and the educational community.

What's next? We will keep you informed as to where the collection of responses may be accessed, ideally by late May or Early June. It was asked that we have the results of this form sorted into a key-word searchable format, which requires working with IT to develop an appropriate platform or platforms. Themes will also be pulled from the data and shared district wide. Thank you.