

PLC Share Out 2016

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PLANNING

Sharing what we have learned in our 2015-2016 professional learning collaborations with colleagues helps us all...• improve student learning for all students,• identify valuable resources and tools now available to help educators• reflect upon and enhance our collaborative practices• celebrate and share our learning and our students’ growth and successes.Please take some time with your team over the next few weeks to complete this PLC Share out template. The deadline is JUNE 8, 2016. Responses will again be posted on Learn71 PLC sorted by “Themes” and “Schools”

1. In which school is this PLC team based?

Valley View Elementary

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Paulette Vaton 1/2, Eileen Monks 5/6, Tomiko Collins 6/7, Suzanne Rea 6/7, Kathleen Daneliuk 6/7

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

Do picture books improve student attitudes and skills in writing?

5. To what student need are/were you responding? What student learning issue did your team focus upon or seek to improve?

Our upper level teachers were concerned about the interest level and skill development in writing.

ACTING

6. What actions/interventions/strategies did you or will you implement or explore?

We used picture books throughout the year to do a number of different writes, we focused on writing paragraphs, descriptive and detailed language. We also did some poetry.

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

Please provide details so others may easily access those same resources in their similar inquiries.

Fiction and nonfiction books, many years of combined teaching knowledge, The Unstoppable Writing Teacher by M. Colleen Cruz and Picture Books to Support Core Competencies by District Staff

7a. Did your team or school co-create any new tools, assessments, learning resources or materials as a result of your inquiry?

Student self-assessment with a Snoopy Theme

7b. If yes, for what grade level or subject area are they best suited?

All levels

7c. If these tools, assessments, rubrics or materials could/will be made accessible for other educators, where will they be located? (i.e. LRC, online links, at your school?)

At Valley View

OBSERVING

8. What are/were the results of your inquiry/implementation/project on student learning? What changes, if any, did you see in student learning, behavior or engagement that correlates to your team's interventions?

We found little change with the younger students but found significant improvement in the students self- assessment of their skills and attitude toward writing.

9. What types of information/observations/data did you monitor or collect to confirm whether or not your intervention is/was working? (i.e. qualitative, anecdotal, quantitative sources: surveys, student journaling or student work, changes in attendance or behavioral incidents, before/after videos, test scores, DART, observational checklists, student self-evaluations, interviews, completions rates.)

Pre and post student self- assessment and writing samples

10. What were some of the student learning highlights that your team shared that could be shared with others? What student successes/stories stood out for you?

The most obvious change was the improvement in their engagement and skills.

11. If you feel your initiative did not improve student learning at this point in time, why do you think that might be? Can you identify any impeding factors? What advice would you give peers who are exploring similar issues to help them avoid these impediments?

N/A

REFLECTING

12. What are/were some of the highlights experienced in your Professional Learning Community journey so far? What worked well?

The mix of primary and intermediate teachers worked well, a mix of highly experienced teachers, middle experienced teachers and beginners.

13. What are/were some of the challenges experienced in your collaborative learning community? (By sharing this information, we are better able to identify needed resources or solutions.)

We found that it was difficult to access some of the picture books when we wanted them due to a lack of resources.

14. What do you believe would be helpful to have/know/do next time in order to improve results or help you or your learners move forward?

Computer time and readily available picture books would be an asset.

15. What are your next steps, moving forward?

Continue with same inquiry

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

The results of these Share Out templates will be sorted and posted on the Learn71 website by July 2016, so all educators will have access to the information in time for fall 2016 planning. If you have any questions or concerns about the questions in this template, email SD71PLC@gmail.com. If you have technical difficulties, please contact the IT help desk. Thank you