PLC Share Out 2015

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Filled Wednesday, May 06, 2015

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In which school is this PLC team based?

Royston Elementary

Who is/was in your group? Please provide names of your team members for the purpose of finding peer contacts for future projects. If possible, please include grade or subject each member teaches, separated by commas: (i.e Chris Brown, Gr 8 math, Sue White, LST)

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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)

a developing professional learning community (nearly achieved all 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 mature/established 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?

How to support students with special needs using technology?

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

Students with visual, perceptual and cognitive differences or delays. Also students with verbal and written language delays.

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

Using technology such as: IPADs, IPODs, computers with programs (Kurzweil, Talktyper, readability etc...)

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.

Guest speakers: Kara Dawson, Jane Rondow , IPADs, laptops, ARC BC

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

(Frankencart for storage and charging technology) Files for novels read by Kurzweil and accessible books

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i. If so, for what grade level or subject area are they best suited?	all
ii. If they are accessible for other educators to use, where are they located?	school shared drive

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

More fluency with technology

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

Interviews and observations of students and with EAs and LST

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?

Students can now read with Kurzweil and educators are gaining confidence with using it.

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

Having time together to share ideas and brainstorm for ways to solve problems

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

Technology doesn't always work!

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

More computer technology experts to have on hand to support us

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)

start a new project and integrate the current project within it

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.