

PLC Share Out 2015

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In which school is this PLC team based?

Valley View 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)

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?

We read Calm, Alert and Learning by Stuart Shankar and discussed each chapter. Next we developed lessons around picture books related to self- regulation topics such as blurting, and being accountable.

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

Every student need.

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

In September, our plan is to use the lessons with our new classes.

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.

See above

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

See above and dimming lights, quiet music, body breaks.

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i. If so, for what grade level or subject area are they best suited?	Elementary
ii. If they are accessible for other educators to use, where are they located?	There are some online but ours are not ready yet.

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

To be determined.

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

n/a

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?

Our goal is to teach children to demonstrate prosocial thinking with the intention of developing calm, focussed learners.

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

Good discussions, excellent picture books, multi grade collaboration, sharing of classroom successes and challenges.

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

None

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

We are doing well.

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)

Planned yoga sessions, Heart and Mind exploration and see above for September 2015.

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.