Action Plan for Learning



School Name: École Moody Middle School of the Arts

School Goal: Social Emotional Learning

School Year: 2017-18

Goal / Social Emotional Learning

In 2016-17 our learning community began a process toward forming a new goal focus:

To develop each learner's ability to access strategies to be calmly focused, alert and ready to learn to thrive in their learning environment.

During the 2016-17 school year our learning community began to embrace this new goal and sharpen our direction for growth and support. As we begin 2017-18 the EMMSOTA Action Plan for Learning is a structure that is guiding our mission, vision, values and goals.

Rationale

1-3 reasons for choosing goal

The EMMSOTA community felt it was important to deepen our focus in social emotional learning skills and develop a unified commitment to learning and growing together in this area to support student learning.

- 1. Physical Learning Plant: As we plan for our move to our new building this year, there is an opportunity and need to develop our new flexible learning spaces. In response to this opportunity, the EMMSOTA staff have focused on the physical school environment (classroom and shared learning spaces).
- **2.** Culture of Care, Respect and Support: Staff at EMMSOTA have worked with a restorative practice philosophy now for six years. From this approach to supporting students, structures like community circles are now embedded in our learning culture. From this philosophy, the vision of supporting students through the lens of social emotional learning is a very natural progression.
- 3. Student Learning: Through our knowledge of the skills our learners arrive to EMMSOTA with as grade six students, it is important for our staff to continue to grow their emerging self-regulation skills. Specifically, we know social emotional learning goals are a focus in two of our main associate elementary schools. Thus, students begin their 30 months of middle school at EMMSOTA with an understanding of self-regulated learning that we can embrace and build upon to further develop flexible, personalized and positive learning environments. Our EMMSOTA shared values document, provided below, reflects how we place the value of the "social awareness competency" through R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

R-responsible, responsable E-educated éduqué/éduquée
S-supportive, soutenir les autres P-positive, positif/positive
E-empathetic, empathique C-creative, créatif/créative T-tenacious, tenace

References and sources to support actions	The Mind Up Curriculum: https://mindup.org/ The Zones of Regulation: http://www.zonesofregulation.com/index.html Tribes Learning Communities: http://tribes.com/courses/boc/ www.casel.org (RULER approach) SEL core competencies http://www.casel.org RULER approach http://ei.yale.edu/ruler/	
Backup Documentation	2017 EMMSOTA 2017 Classroom Shared Vales.pdf Furniture Order Check Backup Documentation article on benefits of SEL https://novofoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/Meta-Analysis-Child-Development-Full-Article.pdf	

Planned Actions

Continuing practices working well (1-3)

- What will we do differently? (1-3)
- How will we provide for staff development and collaboration?
- How will we involve parents?
- How will we involve students?
- How will we monitor progress and adjust actions?

The integration and innovation of the arts is established in all facets of school life and our inquiry focus is an effective structure to engage students in their learning.

Moving forward, some of the practices that we will include to support our work with social emotional learning

A clear timeline for each term to support the building and use of inquiry skills

- Students will share their learning at Student Led Conferences (term one) and through formal Presentations of Learning (term two).
- Use of all staff (non-enrolling teachers, EAs) to support ALL students

The development of staff knowledge, skills and leadership with self-regulation will be key to beginning our new goal. Staff development and collaboration ideas will include:

- Use of our Friday collaborative time that is built into our time table
- Use of professional development days to plan, collaborate and learn (specifically our September 21/22 Pro-D days)
- Use of team leader meetings and Pod collaboration time to ensure that staff is able to implement and respond to diverse learning needs
- Targeted time at staff meetings to track and monitor student progress and plan appropriately (this learning strategy is already part of the staff meeting culture)
- Parent involvement will continue with our new school goal as it has with our previous goal. Engagement will occur through PAC meetings, school community events, school website, newsletters and Twitter.

Student ownership and involvement in our new goal:

To develop student awareness of self-regulation skills and strategies we
will establish time for students to learn and practice skills at their own
pace and level.

	 With support and guidance from teachers, students will be able to identify areas of need and implement strategies to support their readiness to learn. Our core classroom time and pod assemblies will be used to focus on our new goal.
Backup Documentation	2017 Classroom Furniture Order Check

Documentation of learningKey evidence of change

- How did your actions make a difference?
- Choose 1-3 pieces of evidence to demonstrate the impact your actions have had on student learning to meet your goal.
- Documentation could include video, survey results, performance standard data, anecdotal evidence, work samples, etc.

This year each teacher will chose one student for an individual case study who is minimally, or not yet meeting expectations with self-regulating skills and strategies. Teachers will evaluate student learning and progress with self-regulation skills and strategies in January, March and May. We will develop data sets to help guide our planning and direction for 2018-19.

By using this process of deeply examining one student who is minimally or not yet meeting expectations, staff will have the opportunity to carefully examine how to support these specific students through a multitude of different strategies including: direct instruction, peer support and evaluation, repeated practice, and specific self-regulation strategies. Although these strategies are developed from the reflections on a specific child, the benefit will be felt by the majority of the other students as our planning provides direction for 2018-19.

During 2017-18, all students will maintain a personal portfolio of learning, and Freshgrade account which along with formal (and informal) assessments, will assist in documenting how student learning is developed and enhanced through social emotional learning. The portfolio will be digital through the use of Freshgrade and also be supported with evidence of learning/growth with a paper portfolio as needed.

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School Community Engagement Process

- How did you engage parents, teachers, students & support staff in developing your APL?
- How did you share your APL goals with parents, teachers, students & support staff?

During the school year our school goal will be shared through our weekly e-bulletins;

- for parents/guardians = Moody Matters
- for staff = M5

We will also utilize our school website, Twitter account and highlight our school goal at events where our school community is invited. For example, we introduced our new APL goal at our fall open house on September 20th 2017.

Teacher data collection for our school goal will be done at three different staff meetings. Review of school data will regularly be a part of our Friday collaborative time as well as team leader meetings.

An APL committee was created to help develop a new school goal through a collaborative process with our school community.

	Further development of our new school goal for 2017-18 has already been moving forward. Our September open house, provided introduction and background to parents about our goal. Our staff professional development retreat in September was also focused on social emotional learning. Moving forward, background information, timelines for learning and data collection are just some of the work that will be necessary between teachers, support staff, students and parents.
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Reflection Highlights • Where are we now? • What are some patterns emerging? • What surprised you? • What conclusions / inferences might you draw? • How does this inform potential next steps?	The positive impact on school culture from the success of student learning with our inquiry goal (2013-2017) is ongoing. We also know that our new goal grounded in social emotional learning is ready to expand from the introductory actions experimented with in 2016-17. EMMSOTA is fortunate to have associate elementary schools that are teaching self-regulation skills and focus on a social emotional learning. Our first step is developing a common understanding of social emotional learning among all of our stakeholders. We will then shift our focus to the three points identified in the rationale: 1. Physical Learning Environment 2. Culture of Care, Respect and Support 3. Student Learning
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Literacy Data Attach the following: Classroom Assessment School Assessment FSA results	Moody - CBA for APL EMMSOTA FSA Data 2017.doc 2016-17.xlsx	
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Signatures

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