Action Plan for Learning



School Name: Roy Stibbs

School Goal: Literacy

School Year: 2016-2017

Goal / InquiryStudent learning

Can we influence the quantity and quality of student writing through engagement and school wide focus? (1st term Personal Writing/2nd term Creative Writing/3rd term Research)

Rationale

1-3 reasons for choosing goal

- Collected class data in 4 curricular areas (Numeracy, Reading, Writing and Social Responsibility)
- After observation, discussion and taking into account experience with school community we examined the school data
- We noted that there was on overall weakness in student writing (Not yet and approaching ranging from 34-57 % with three grades over 50%)
- We have not had a school wide focus on writing for a number of years

References and sources to support actions

- Aboriginal Literature was purchased through Strong Nations as a resource for writing
- Lesson plans and resources are being created and will be kept in a central location library
- p.22 25 in the IRP found at : http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/pdfs/english language arts/2006ela k7 4.pdf

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Planned Actions

Continuing practices working well (1-3)

- Inclusive Class based student service model
- Class focus on increasing fluency (weekly opportunities)
- Staff collaborative assessment of writing samples
- What will we do differently? (1-3)
- Dedicate student service time to writing support
- Develop whole school writing times and activities
- How will we provide for staff development and collaboration?
- Share ideas for writing activities at monthly staff meetings
- Arrange school based Pro D sessions with a focus on writing
- Bring in presenters and share outside school opportunities for Pro D
- How will we involve parents?
- publish student writing in the newsletters
- Let parents know through PAC meetings and newsletters about the writing focus and include ideas for their active participation

How will we involve students?	 Have students use email to write to their parents and their parents can respond via email Whole school reads common book (at monthly Celebration of Learning) and all students respond During Celebration of Learning Assemblies have students share quality writing Create an Amazing Author's Corner/bulletin board where student writing is displayed Have a publishing house where special writing is published and a copy is kept in the library (use parent volunteers to produce the published work)
 How will we monitor progress and adjust actions? 	 Monthly topic at staff meeting Each term all grades will do a school-wide write and the teachers will work in teams to use performance standard rubrics to assess writing (without names)
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Documentation of learning

Key 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.

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- This was a new goal area
- We decided in September to focus on fluency to increase our students ability to use more words when given a writing task
- We developed a school wide tracking tool
- Overall we found that the volume of student writing increased
- We found that when we provided students with multiple prompts and pre writing strategies (visual, brainstorming, word bank etc.) they were more successful)

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?
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- The APL was reviewed at our May staff meeting
- Additions and changes were made and sent out for feedback (current document)
- The APL was then sent to parents and all staff in June
- Feedback was encouraged



Reflection Highlights

- Where are we now?
- What are some patterns emerging?
- What surprised you?
- We found that we went substantially slower than we anticipated
- We believe that we developed a very sound APL last year
- Given that it was our first year of focus we were overly ambitious in our expectations

 What conclusions / inferences might you draw? How does this inform 	 We are now ready to proceed with the strategies We found that we were sidetracked by the new curriculum and found that we focused a lot of energy and time to that with a focus on aboriginal content and the First Peoples Principles of Learning
potential next steps?	 aboriginal content and the First Peoples Principles of Learning Now that we have a better understanding of the new curriculum, we will focus our school professional development on implementing the new curriculum through writing with an additional focus of aboriginal content We were reminded that when you try and focus a group on too many initiatives the progress in any one area is slowed down We have merged the focuses (new curriculum, writing and aboriginal content) into one
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Signatures

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