

# PD CHECKLIST AND CYCLE

## Before the PD is held

- Begin promoting PD topic and date.
  - Emails, calendar invitations, staff newsletter, flyers, etc.
- Practice, practice, practice.
  - PD should be internalized. A script should not be needed since your PowerPoint and handouts are the tools you use to guide the process and progress of a PD.
  - Practice in front of a mirror, with a small group, in your car, etc.
  - Consider the participants and how it might be necessary to modify any group activity or task.
  - Practice the strategies with your students so that you have a true experience to share how it went when implemented and what you might change for the next time.
- Send an email reminder 7 days before the PD.
- Double-check that you have all your materials/handouts/copies/posters ready.
- Check all links and websites.

## Day of PD

- Send one more reminder to participants (e.g., all call over the intercom, notes in boxes, calendar invitations/notifications, etc.).
- Arrive early to set up all materials.
  - Set up and check projector. ○ Check the sound if needed. ○ Set out a sign-in sheet.
  - Place necessary handouts on tables.
- Assess the group size and quickly modify any pre-planned activity or task to accommodate the group size.
- Provide an opportunity for participants to give session feedback.

## Post-PD Session

- Self-reflect over the session.
  - What went well... ○ What might have gone better if...
  - What will need to be adjusted for next time...
- Follow-up/Reflection with teachers.
  - Formal or informal settings
  - Use the SCORE reflection strategy to share about the strategies used.

## PD Structure Plan—Whole School Objective

### School Objective Needs Assessment

- Sent out to teachers via Google survey with PD options
- Topics shared with teachers early
- Supported and discussed by administration
- Empower teachers with opportunities through voice and choice

### Formal PD

- Built with teacher partners
- Engage prior knowledge
- Introduce concept
- Share research
- Check understanding

### Reflection

- During PLCs
- View student work & data
- Strategy, Celebrations, Obstacles, Refinements, Extra Notes (SCORE)
- Provide and Analyze feedback
- Ask: Where do we go from here?

### Collaborative Work Session

- During PLCs or informal conversations
- Brainstorm ideas
- Apply knowledge/ideas to content with specialist
- Offer modeling/co-teach/technology integration
- Action research

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