

Staff Newsletter November/ December 2014

This year, Park City School District embraced the Professional Learning Community Framework as the vehicle to ensure that all students in our district are learning at high levels and to their potential. I have received extremely valuable input from many staff members that I want to acknowledge. First, we, as a PCSD Staff, have agreed the Professional Learning Communities is a framework that will move our district toward providing the excellent education to our students. Second, it has provided excitement and focus. It is research based and using a comment from a 20 year veteran, "It is the best professional development and educational model that I have ever embraced." Third, this model takes time. Taking the time to define clear norms and collective commitments will yield the strong foundation for the next building block in the Professional Learning Community Model.

I do want to validate the stress associated with learning and the feeling of chaos. Keep going! This is exactly where we should be.

I also want to express that PLC is not Rtl. Rtl is part of PLC, but these terms are not interchangeable. PLC's asks the four questions:

Four questions that guide all of our work¹. What is it we expect students to learn?². How will we know if students have learned?³. How will we respond when students do not learn?⁴. How will we respond when students already know it?

If you notice number 3, "How will we respond when students

do not learn?” , is the question that guides Rtl. Hence, Rtl is only part of the PLC model.

Celebrate!!!!SAGE: Top 25 Schools in the State• PCHS – Science 14th• PCHS – Math 15th• PCHS – Language Arts 19th• EHMS – Science 18th

Congratulations to Max Holm, the only High School Student in the United States to receive the 2015 Jazz Education Network Lou Fischer Co-Founder Scholarship. Max is a senior at PCHS. <http://pressreleaseping.com/max-holm-only-high-school-student-receive-2015-jazz-education-network-jen-lou-fischer-co-founder>

Celebrations ContinuedTeacher of the Month: PCHS Math Teacher, Deb AlcoxClassified Employee of the Month: PCHS Counseling Secretary, Rebekah Monson

State Championships – Go Miner Nation!• Boys Golf• Girls Cross Country• Mountain Bike Team• 2nd Place Girls Tennis

Apple Education Recognition ProgramPark City School District is pleased to announce that it has been named an Apple Distinguished Program for 2014 to 2016 for its implementation of Mac Books technology into the learning experience. Park City School District is in its fifth year of a 1:1 Mac Book program that was a product of a comprehensive pilot program and technology integration training for teachers that began in 2008. The Apple Distinguished Program designation is reserved for districts that meet criteria for innovation, leadership, and educational excellence, and demonstrate Apple’s vision of exemplary learning environments.

Update on Positive School Climate The principals will begin sharing overall school data and we will continue to focus on positive school climate to increase productivity, which yields greater student learning!

Dual Language Immersion We are continuing to implement the Dual Language Program in the elementary schools with the first year of our Dual Language Spanish Cohort entering Ecker Hill. We have also met with our partners at the University of Utah to ensure the availability for the college level courses once these students reach high school. We will be hosting a Dual Language Community Presentation in January to share data and continue providing pertinent information.

Data Join us for the data presentation to the community on November 13, 2014 from 6-7 PM at PCHS Lecture Hall. We will share data from SAGE, Galileo, and DIBELs.

Looking forward to a great November and December and the next 14 years as we reach our goal of being the best district in the nation!

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