## 2019-2020 Committee Minutes

Date: October 9, 2019

Committee Name: Professional Development Committee
Facilitator: All members

Recorder: Noelle Short and Joan Paula

Members Present: Noelle Short, Sean O'Shell and Joan Paula

## Members Absent:

## Discussion Highlights:

- Setting goals for the school year - What do we want to have accomplished by the time we reach the end of the school year?
- Engaging, opportunities for feedback, including teachers in the process, being respectful of all participants' commitments and time availability
- Focus on the benefits of our small school experience - where are the strengths?
- Finding ways to keep the PD topics "in front of us" and to share wealth of knowledge - use of the Morning Update, postings in the staff lounge, use of Shared Drive for conference notes and reports
- Feedback from the True North Conference Day - What were the big takeaways? Use this information to allow for return to the relevant and important topics for our district
- iReady - working on ways to celebrate successes to increase teacher and student perception of the program; working on ways to access and share the data that is gathered
- Common language across curriculum - Areas of focus could start with a writing initiative and formative assessments. One idea for working on this is to create a library of templates for strategies (venn diagrams, rubrics, four corners, etc.). The idea behind these resources would be to have them be "plug and play" meaning that anyone could print, edit, adapt, and use.

Next Meeting Date: November 13

## Next Meeting Agenda Items:

- Review the current Professional Development Plan
- Brainstorm what resources could be added for common language strategies

