

What is a Professional Learning Community in education? A group of educators engaged in a systematic process of learning and practicing research-based teaching to achieve increased student learning.

Week 3 PLC Organizational Meeting

1) DuFour provides the intended outcome for all schools as “success for all students” and “learning for all students.” The words *success* and *learning* can be interpreted in many ways, and so perhaps these goals are too vague. Please recommend an intended outcome or goal that you feel we should all hold in common at WWG.

2) Put your suggestion through the following questions:
How will we know if we reached the goal?

What will we do if the goal has not been attained?

3) What do you feel the teacher's jobs are at WWG?

- (example) To ensure student understanding of the elements listed in the curriculum guide for each class and department

-How do you know when you have achieved these goals?

-What do you do when you have determined a student has not achieved these goals?

4) At last week's meeting we determined that we have a wide variety of responses when a student is not succeeding in our classes. These responses included:

- working one-on-one with the student on our own
- making a referral to special ed, the counselor or the principal
- recommend the student drops for a less rigorous course
- modify expectations or grading scale for that student
- offer extra help (whether the student takes us up on it is a different matter)
- let the student fail the course
- holding a staffing meeting on the student (incl. teachers, parents, student, counselor, principal) where concerns are raised and an intended plan is established

Are you satisfied with the response system currently in place at WWG? Please explain your answer and provide suggestion(s)

5) PLC is mandated for us at WWG. What do you want from your PLC?