

CREATING STRONG SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES

Implementing Effective PLCs to Support Learning

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Indicators and Scoring Guide Development

- Development of Indicators/Observation Cycle
- Development of scoring descriptors
- Pilot of the scoring guides



PLC Observation Results 2012

PLC checklist score for collaboration effectiveness





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Conclusions

Design Team Members Observations

Revision Process

Implementation



Understanding the Scoring Guide

- Using Big Idea 1: Building a Collaborative Culture
 - What are the critical behaviors and practices described for an *Effective* PLC?
 - What are the differences between Effective practices and those described as *Needs Improvement*?
- Consider the same questions for *Big Idea 3:* Establishing a Focus on Results



Applying the Scoring Guide

- During the video, use the scoring guide to evaluate the practices you observe.
- Assume the following, when using the scoring guide:
 - You may not see everything described, so may not be able to completely evaluate every bullet using the video clip.
 - Base your judgment on a preponderance of evidence, not on meeting every statement for particular bullets.
 - You may decide to highlight some things you see under one performance level and some in another in the text itself.
 - In the notes section, try to describe evidence you see that leads to your judgments.



Discussion

- What did you observe in the PLC video?
- How consistent do we seem to be as a new user group of the scoring guide?
- How did you apply the scoring guide to make decisions?
- How well did the scoring guide seem to work in guiding your observation
- What was challenging about using the scoring guide?



Implications for Practice

- What would need to happen for a tool like this one to be most effective?
 - At the leadership level?
 - At the PLC member level?
- What are the potential uses of the scoring guide with PLCs in various states of experience and effectiveness?



Companion Tools and Practices

- Norms of Collaboration Inventory
- Collegial learning walks
- Collegial Review Worksheets for guiding examination of teachers' and students' work.





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