

Collaborating to improve student learning in Chinook's Edge!

There are five Professional Learning Days this year in Chinook's Edge. What are staff doing during these non-instructional days for students?



Connection! As one example of the work underway among Chinook's Edge staff, the Professional Learning Day on September 23 provided the opportunity for 160 high school teachers from across the division to work as a full Senior High Collaborative Group. They worked in subject areas to build on the new division-wide Google Classroom resource that will put incredible class content, assignments, assessments, resources and best practices into each teacher's hands! The sharing, collaborative culture in Chinook's Edge makes great things happen for students.



Investing in students - Following PD sessions with the full group on September 23, teachers met in their subject areas to share best teaching strategies, including these Band teachers. High School teachers will invest a portion of each Professional Learning Day this school year to immerse themselves in constructing a rich Google Classroom resource for each subject.

Improving student achievement "The research could not be more clear – if school divisions want to help students learn and succeed at the highest levels, they need to support the professional growth of their staff," said Superintendent Kurt Sacher (pictured in the front row at the Math session on September 23). "Professional Learning Days provide consistent opportunities for teachers and school staff to reflect on their own work and share high leverage strategies, all of which positively impacts the classroom and ultimately leads to greater success for students in school and in life. The most valuable resource we have is each other."



The September 23rd High School collaboration is just one example of the collaborative work underway across the grades in every school in Chinook's Edge, which all have defined topics and goals. Check with your school to see what they accomplished on September 23 and what they have planned for the next Professional Learning Day on October 21!

Professional Learning Days this school year: October 21, November 25, February 10, March 10, May 5

Chinook's Edge records show that providing scheduled days for staff collaboration results in a decrease of hundreds of substitute teacher days – a cost-savings which is reinvested back into the classroom. It is a winning strategy in Chinook's Edge. Our staff are investing their time during Collaborative Days to enhance quality learning environments for over 11,000 students in our division. Your child will be away for one day, but they will benefit for many days to come!