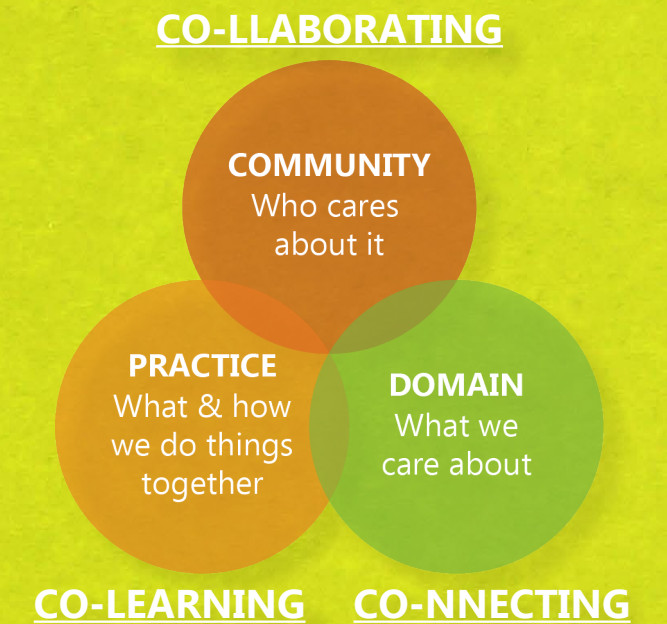


# COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE 2020/2021

**WHAT IS A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE?** The concept of a community of practice (CoP) is not new. We are all part of informal CoP's at work, home, and various community organizations we associate with. The purpose for our SD22 CoP's is to provide an opportunity for teachers to come together in order to more deeply understand pedagogy through discussion, sharing of experiences and resources, action-research, as well as for support and collaboration.

**WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?** An opportunity to collaborate with teachers across the district to grow in your understanding of promising practices and gather resources along the way.

**WHAT'S THE COMMITMENT?** Most communities of practice will have approximately six meetings this year, with three being held during the instructional day from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at the district office. All other meetings will be held from 2:30 onwards in a variety of locations or online.



## THE CURIOUS CLASSROOM

**EXPLORATION:**

What does student-directed inquiry look like in the primary classroom? What structures support curiosity and engage students in meaningful learning? What does effective inquiry-based planning look like?

**WHO:**

Grade K-3 Teachers

**MEETING DATE:**

Nov 25<sup>th</sup> (Other Dates TBD)

Facilitator: Jennifer Friesen (VP of Early Learning)

## LEARNING COMMONS

**EXPLORATION:**

This community will explore the shift from traditional libraries to Learning Commons. Topics may include media, digital transformation, role of the 21st Century Teacher-Librarian, and supporting future ready citizens.

**WHO:**

Teacher-Librarians, Teachers & Administrators

**MEETING DATE:**

Nov 25<sup>th</sup> (Other Dates TBD)

Facilitators: Brendan Robertson, Corinne McWhinney, Brad Ogasawara (Technology Innovation Coordinators)

## COMMUNITY OF INNOVATORS

**EXPLORATION:**

This community will explore ways to be innovative in the classroom. Participants are encouraged to share innovative practices with each other. This is not limited to technology or a specific tool.

**WHO:**

Teachers & Administrators

**MEETING DATE:**

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> (Other Dates TBD)

Facilitators: Brendan Robertson, Corinne McWhinney, Brad Ogasawara (Technology Innovation Coordinators)

## ENHANCING WRITERS

**EXPLORATION:**

Participants will come together to share and discuss ideas and strategies that move writers forward. This group is intended for all primary teachers as well as intermediate teachers with struggling writers. We will explore resources by Adrienne Gear, Katie Wood Ray and Lisa Cleaveland.

**WHO:**

Grade K-7 Teachers

**MEETING DATE:**

Nov 18<sup>th</sup> (Other dates TBD)

Facilitators: Heather Jamieson, Cathy Lower, Deanna Michaud, Allison Jmayoff, Alison Howard (Literacy Intervention Teachers)

## CONTENT TO COMPETENCIES

**EXPLORATION:**

Are you interested in changing from a content focus to a competency based classroom? This community will investigate the "Know-Do-Understand" model to support a concept-based competency-driven approach to deeper learning.

**WHO:**

Grade 6-9 Teachers

**MEETING DATE:**

Nov 26<sup>th</sup> (Other Dates TBD)

Facilitator: Scott Belshaw (6-12 Curriculum Coordinator)

## INTERMEDIATE NUMERACY

**EXPLORATION:**

We will explore and plan with a range of resources to support a balanced approach to math teaching where big ideas spiral throughout the school year. Other topics will include backwards by design, fluency vs conceptual understanding, curricular competencies and formative assessment.

**WHO:**

Grade 4-7 Teachers

**MEETING DATE:**

Nov 18<sup>th</sup> (Other Dates TBD)

Facilitator: Jen Carter (K-12 Numeracy Coordinator)

## SECONDARY NUMERACY

**EXPLORATION:**

This community of practice will continue to explore strategies and lessons that develop math language and curricular competencies through real-world contexts and situations. A particular focus this year will be around assessment of content and competencies with support from Sean Chorney from SFU.

**WHO:**

Grade 8-10 Math Teachers

**MEETING DATE:**

Nov 9<sup>th</sup> (Other Dates TBD)

Facilitator: Jen Carter (K-12 Numeracy Coordinator)

**PLEASE CLICK ON THE CoP BOX AND COMPLETE THE SIGN-UP FORM TO REGISTER. THE FACILITATOR(S) OF EACH CoP WILL THEN REACH OUT TO THOSE SIGNED UP.**

**Limited to 10 participants per CoP to keep the groups personal as well as to allow for physical distancing in a variety of locations.**

