



Collegial Circle Final Report

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COLLEGIAL CIRCLE INFORMATION

Title of Circle: **Exploring Academic Literature About Student Research** Standards Area: **English and Library**
Facilitator: **Toni Baller** School(s): **CRMS**
Beginning Date: **3/1/10** Ending Date: **5/26/10** # of Hours: **5**
Participants (list): **Lynn Cruickshank, Betsy Parke, David Burritt, Jessica Wojcik, Toni Baller**

Please attach copies of the following to this report:

- ✓ Collegial Circle Attendance Log (required for payment)
- ✓ Collegial Circle Meeting Log
- ✓ Log of Strategies Implemented
- ✓ Samples of implementation strategies or student work samples if applicable
- ✓ Collegial Circle Reflection Sheets (each member fills one out)

COLLEGIAL CIRCLE DESCRIPTION

(Type your answer in the grey box below the question. The size of the box will adjust to the length of your answer.)

What were the anticipated objectives of this Circle?

We would have an understanding of current research trends about students conducting research. We would then be able to apply what we learned and plan our student research for the following year.

What grade level(s) and or subject area(s) would benefit from this Circle?

We focused on the middle grades, but this CC could be duplicated at any level.

FINAL REFLECTIONS

(Type your answer in the grey box below the question.)

Was the outcome/goal of this Collegial Circle met? Explain.

Yes. We read a number of articles about different aspects of the research process. We also looked at the library curriculum and discussed how we can implement some of the key take-aways from the articles into our individual lesson planning, library research, and throughout the building as a potential research initiative.

How did the Collegial Circle assess whether the outcome was met?

We assessed the outcomes during our group discussions and reflections.

How did your work impact teaching/learning? Include student work samples, lesson plans, peer reviews, etc.

See attached reflections.

Comments/additional information to share.

I think we all became more aware of how important research is to students and the impact quality research assignments will have on student learning. Research IS 21st century skills.