



Collegial Circle Final Report

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COLLEGIAL CIRCLE INFORMATION

Title of Circle: Edmodo: A tool for the 21st century teacher Standards Area: World Languages
 Facilitator: Francine Tolpa School(s): Mendon HS
 Beginning Date: September 2012 Ending Date: May 2013 # of Hours: 6 hours
 Participants (list): Jody Pecor, Lois Houlihan, Sarah Bedrin, Shari Ebert, Andrew Balch, Jen Simons

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?

Basics: will learn how to :Sign up and create profile on edmodo
 Create and manage groups (classes) on Edmodo. (For new participants)
 Use Edmodo as a communication tool with or without attached content
 Use Edmodo for assessments and assignments
 Use Edmodo grade book to show growth and /or collect evidence
 Use Edmodo as a portfolio of student work.
 Review the calendar option on Edmodo
 Explore the Edmodo Library option and folders as an organizational tool for teachers
 Discuss the Mobile Access of Edmodo
 Discuss the networking and content communities accessible through Edmodo
 Reflect on Edmodo as it relates to Common Core Shifts in Education

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

All

FINAL REFLECTIONS

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

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

Yes. Those who participated consistently in the circle were able to explore this tool and expand their repertoire of using this new social networking tool as a communication tool for students and colleagues. They were able to broaden their horizons by joining content communities online which provided them with greater knowledge for their classrooms as it relates to the new Common Core and content rich activities for their classroom. They learned to use Edmodo as an organizational tool to keep records of student work, as well as creating their own library of digital resources for their classrooms. Teachers with mobile aps were able to use the Edmodo ap round the clock to monitor student work. All who participated used Edmodo to network with colleagues on best practices. We are now teachers in a new world that provides us with so many online options. I feel that we all could see that this is a tool to take us and our students into the 21st century.

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

Hands on use of Edmodo. Sample work provided.

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

Edmodo has been a valuable tool and addition for me and my students as we navigate and get use to the online tools available to improve our effectiveness and accountability. It has also provided me with a multitude of new resources and online application as I network with the world in search of great ways to motivate and evaluate students. Furthermore, I find Edmodo very effective in keeping track of student work and creating portfolios that are available to both students and myself.

Comments/additional information to share.