

School Plan: A Professional Spiral of Inquiry



The Spiral of Inquiry was developed by Dr. Judy Halbert and Dr. Linda Kaser. to supports schools/networks in taking an inquiry-oriented, evidence-based approach to learning and teaching – one that focuses on making the education system more equitable through the provision of high-quality learning opportunities and school experiences for each young person. The Spiral of Inquiry has six key stages: scanning, focusing, developing a hunch, new professional learning, taking action and checking that a big enough difference has been made. Spiral of Inquiry is about listening to learners and reflecting on our own practices as educators. The spiral image captures the nature of inquiry – a continuous process and not a fixed cycle. The six key

stages in the framework help school teams take a disciplined approach to professional inquiry, but inevitably, the true process will be messy and you will move between the stages as needed. The spiral is never complete – new learning always brings about new questions, ways of knowing and new opportunities for our learners.

	Team Members: Staff of ASIA North Poplar Elementary
ASIA North Poplar Elementary	Rachel Lack-Principal
	Cathy Beukers-Vice Principal
	Grade 5- Curtis Kennedy
	Grade 4-TBA
	Grade 3-Fenton
	Grade 2-Marissa Lakowski, Allison Brock, Kayla Attridge
	Grade 1-Nicole Bliss, Moonsun Kang, Brenna Merasty
	Kindergarten-Madison Campigotto, Chloe Hogan
	Learning Commons-Shelby Patrick
	Learning Support-Marissa Lawton, Rachel Toews, Allison Richardson
	PE-Allison Richardson
	Indigenous Support Worker-Vanessa Fleury, Terry Crosby
	EAs-Nancy Harrison, Sylvia Damgaard, Tanya Walters, John Calhoun, Mike
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Scanning: What is going on for our learners? What is going on for our Indigenous learners?	-Our learners are diverse. Many have neurodiversity and well being of all is monitored42 breakfast and lunch program -36 IEPs -Indigenous data mirrors whole school data
Focus What will have the biggest impact on student learning and experience? What additional information do you need to gather?	-Sense of belonging and connectedness. A desire to attend schoolWho and why are families choosing Integrated Arts
Hunch: What is leading to this situation? How are we contributing to it? What is a quick way you can test your hunch?	-School community too fractured during pandemicWe are not a catchment school





Making Connections: Explain how your school goal aligns with the Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement, Elementary Operations Plan and First People's Principles of Learning

New Learning: What do we need to learn? How will we learn this? (Create a timeline)	How to encourage and develop community building and connectedness between school staff and whole school community. September admin day can determine next steps. Monthly staff meeting agendas to include some of these next steps.
Take Action: What can we do to make a meaningful difference? What can we do to make a meaningful difference for Indigenous Learners? How can we involve students in the process of change?	-Encourage and increase community participation and engagement -Ask what prevents them from attending -Talking circles -Class meetings -Development of lass and school expectations
Check: Have we made enough of a difference? Have we made enough of a difference for our Indigenous Learners? How do we know? What more do we need to know?	-Year 1-improved attendanceImproved literacy results -MDI connectedness and belonging-grade 5 -continue to need to improve attendance