

Secondary PA Day – May 2, 2025

a.m. 9:00-12:00

Topic	Presenters	Description	Location
Respect in Schools (9:00-10:30)	School administrators	 School administrators will lead all educators through the Ministry of Education module Respect in Schools. Staff will participate in whole- group and small-group discussions regarding student well-being and bullying prevention and intervention. 	Schools
Literacy (10:30-12:00)	School administrators	 School administrators will lead educators through an examination of evidence-based best practices in literacy instruction across all grade levels and subjects. Educators will focus on building consistency and shared understanding of implementing an effective and impactful literacy strategies. Educators will explore how to ensure strategies support all learners. Staff will participate in whole-group and small-group discussions and activities, with opportunities for individual reflection and learning. 	Schools

p.m. 1:00-3:30

Topic	Presenters	Description	Location
Mathematics	Department Chairs	 Educators will engage in professional learning focused on enhancing problem-solving in math and exploring ways to help students apply their math knowledge through rich problem-solving tasks that support critical thinking and real-world connections. Staff will participate in whole-group and small-group discussions and activities, with opportunities for individual reflection and learning. 	Schools

Core French	Program department	- Educators will meet with secondary core French teachers to discuss and plan a	Elsie McGill
30.011011011	staff and lead	supportive transition from Grade 8 to secondary school. The session will include	
	teachers	both whole-group and small-group discussions, along with activities designed to	
	leachers	promote collaboration and learning. Teachers will have opportunities for individual	
		reflection, allowing them to consider how to apply new instructional strategies to	
		support students' transition and success in secondary French courses.	
		- Staff will participate in whole-group and small-group discussions and activities,	
		with opportunities for individual reflection and learning.	
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Native as a Second Language (NSL)	Program department	- NSL teachers will work with a fluent language speaker to deepen their own	CD Howe
	staff and lead	Anishinaabemowin skills, with dedicated time for conversational development and	
	teachers	practice.	
		- Educators will engage in collaborative dialogue to explore best practices in teaching	
		Anishinaabemowin in meaningful, effective, and culturally-grounded ways.	
		- Staff will participate in whole- group and small-group discussions and activities,	
		with opportunities for individual reflection and learning.	
Science	Department Chairs	- For the upcoming PLC, science educators will evaluate the effectiveness of their	Schools
		current plans by identifying what's working and what needs adjustment. They will	
		review Semester 2 performance data to pinpoint areas of need for Semester 2	
		students and refine their strategies accordingly. Throughout the process, educators	
		will share resources and best practices to support continuous improvement.	
		- Staff will participate in whole-group and small-group discussions and activities,	
		with opportunities for individual reflection and learning.	
First Nation, Métis and Inuit	First Nation, Métis	- Indigenous Graduation Coaches will focus on bringing more culturally relevant	Specific location TBA
Graduation coaches, KZ program	and Inuit Education	practices into their schools, supporting student wellness. Grad Coaches will share	
staff	team	strategies to engage students and opportunities for student leadership and student	
		voice. Grade 12 potential grad data will be reviewed and strategies to support	
		students as they prepare for graduation and post-secondary plans.	
		- Staff will participate in whole-group and small-group discussions and activities,	
		with opportunities for individual reflection and learning.	
Visual Art/ Music / Physical	Department Chairs	- Visual arts and physical education teachers will focus on refining their curriculum	Specific location TBA
Education / Drama and Dance		and instructional strategies, with an emphasis on assessment and evaluation. They	
Education / Drama and Dance		will explore how to incorporate Indigenous connections into their teaching and	
		discuss effective approaches to project-based learning. Throughout the day,	
		educators will collaborate to share resources and best practices to enhance	
		student engagement and success in their respective disciplines.	
		- Staff will participate in whole-group and small-group discussions and activities,	
		with opportunities for individual reflection and learning.	
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Special Education and Student services Technology and Co Op	Department Chairs Department Chairs	 Student Success staff will meet to review student needs focused on data such as credit accumulation. Staff will review plans to support students with pathway plans and share strategies to support students with education, career/ life goals. Staff will participate in whole-group and small-group discussions and activities, with opportunities for individual reflection and learning. For the upcoming PLC, technology teachers will focus on refining curriculum 	Schools Specific location TBA
Technology and Co Op	and Program staff	content for the new TAS course, with an emphasis on career exploration to help students connect their learning to future opportunities. They will also engage in discussions around effective assessment and evaluation strategies to ensure that student progress is accurately measured and supported. This will provide a foundation for enhancing both the relevance and impact of their teaching practices. - Staff will participate in whole-group and small-group discussions and activities, with opportunities for individual reflection and learning.	Specific tocation 16A
Business	Department Chairs	 For the upcoming PLC on May 2, business educators will focus on refining their curriculum content and instructional strategies, with an emphasis on assessment and differentiated instruction. They will explore ways to foster an entrepreneurial mindset and develop students' skills in financial literacy and project management. Additionally, educators will discuss best practices for using Edsby to capture evidence of student learning. Throughout the day, they will collaborate to enhance their teaching approaches and share resources to better support student success. Staff will participate in whole-group and small-group discussions and activities, with opportunities for individual reflection and learning. 	Specific location TBA
Communications	Department Chair	 For the second phase of their Professional Learning Community (PLC), communications educators will assess the effectiveness of the plans they have developed, focusing on interventions. They will begin by reviewing success rates and performance levels to identify areas of need for Semester 2 students. Based on these insights, they will evaluate their current strategies, adjusting as necessary to improve outcomes. Action items will be established to implement. Throughout this process, educators will continue to share resources and best practices to support ongoing improvement and collaboration. Staff will participate in whole-group and small-group discussions and activities, with opportunities for individual reflection and learning. 	Schools
Social Sciences	Department Chairs	- Social science educators will focus on enhancing their teaching practices by exploring curriculum content, high-impact instructional strategies, and explicit instruction techniques. They will also engage in discussions on effective assessment and evaluation methods, integrate cross-curricular literacy, and deepen their understanding of Indigenous education, aiming to create a more inclusive and impactful learning environment for students.	Schools

		- Staff will participate in whole-group and small-group discussions and activities, with opportunities for individual reflection and learning.	
Culinary and Hospitality	Program staff	 For the upcoming PLC, Culinary program teachers will focus on integrating numeracy into the kitchen by exploring instructional strategies with an emphasis on explicit instruction. They will examine how to effectively teach numeracy skills through cooking activities, ensuring students can apply mathematical concepts in practical contexts. Additionally, educators will discuss assessment strategies to evaluate student understanding and progress in both culinary skills and numeracy. The goal is to enhance teaching practices and support students in developing both culinary expertise and essential math skills. Staff will participate in whole-group and small-group discussions and activities, with opportunities for individual reflection and learning. 	Kingsway Park