Community Schools Community of Practice

Setting the Stage for a Community School CoP Introduction to Community School

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MISSION, VISION & GOALS

Mission: Our Shared Purpose

- Provides a framework for the work we do
- Sets clear boundaries between our work and the work of others

• Elicits a motivational response

• Is easily understood and tangible enough to be transferred into individual action every day

Sample Mission Statements

"To bring inspiration and innovation to every athlete* in the world." (* "If you have a body, you are an athlete.")

"Organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful."



Vision: Image of Desired Future

A picture of the future you seek to create, described in in the present tense, as if were it is happening now.

Why?

- Gives shape and direction for organization
- Helps people set goals to move forward



Sample Vision Statements

EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- CRDF Global: Inspired by People Driven by Science.
- Learning Ally: Together it's Possible.
- **Teaching Matters**: Great Teachers. Bright Futures.
- WorldTeach: Dedicated to international development.

Goals

- An aim or desired result
- Make goals SMART
 - **Specific** Consider who, what, when, where, why and how in developing the goal.
 - Measurable Include a numeric or descriptive measurement.
 - Achievable Consider the resources needed and set a realistic goal.
 - **Relevant** Make sure the goal is consistent with the mission.
 - **Time-bound** Set a realistic deadline.

Identify CoP "Mission Elements"

What is the mission/purpose of this CoP? What are we here to accomplish?

- Identify the top 3-5 "mission elements" words or phrases that your group recommends including in the mission statement.
- Use actions verbs and be as brief and clear as possible.

- What is our picture of the future for this CoP?
- What will we see by the end of 2017 school year that signals immediate success for our CoP?

Goals for the CoP

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What results/goals would you like to see the CoP accomplish in the next 8 months (October 2016 – May 2017)?



What knowledge, tools or support is needed for Community Schools CoP to be successful?