**Memorandum**

**Date:** August 21, 2018

**To:** Yukon Educators

**From:** Paula Thompson

**Subject**: Express your interest in the 2018 – 2019 Yukon Education Learning Networks @ <http://lss.yukonschools.ca/learning-networks.html>

**2018 – 2019 Yukon Education Learning Networks: Empowering and Engaging Growth Mindsets**

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Learning Targets:

Empower and engage growth mindsets to deepen understandings of the new K-10 curriculum and the draft grades 11 and 12 curriculum by:

* building capacity to **assess by learning standard**
* setting participants up to help engage others in a spiral-based professional learning group at the school level
* integrating **Yukon First Nations Ways of Knowing and Doing**
* building capacity to support the student self-assessment of **core competencies**
* personalizing learning and making learning flexible for students by:
	+ giving choice in what and how they learn
	+ working from strengths, interests, goals, and needs
	+ providing opportunities to reflect on and take control of learning

Some potential themes include but are not limited to:

* **Standards-Based Learning and Grading** with Liz Woods, Chris Stacey, Sofie Maurice and Tammy Stoneman
* **Literacy and Numeracy** with Nikki Krocker, Tanya Lewis and Flora Asp
* K-3 **Place-Based** Learning: Locating Learning in the Natural Environment with Betty Burns & Jesse Jewell (**Please note:** Do to the nature of this network, \* **alternate dates and delivery methods** may be set.)
* ADST with Mike Snider (**Please note for leave submission purposes**: **YTA hosted** and **\*** the **dates** for this network differ and are still to be YTA PD Committee confirmed.)

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Timeline for Yukon Education Learning Networks (\*exceptions noted above):

* Introduction to Standards-Based Grading & Reporting with Ken O’Connor (KO)
	+ Thur., Sept. 6 (Primary and Intermediate)9 AM – 3:30 PM Yukon Inn

**OR**

* + Fri., Sept 7 (Secondary) 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM Vanier
* Tues., Oct. 23 9 AM – 3:30 PM Whitehorse
* *Wed., Nov. 21 Optional Orientation to Online Meeting Rm*

*3:45 PM – 4:30 PM Online*

* Wed., Dec. 5 Times TBA Online with KO
* Wed., Jan. 30 9 AM – 3:30 PM Whitehorse
* Wed., Feb. 27 Times TBA Online with KO
* Wed., Apr. 3 Celebration of Learning 9 AM – 3:30 PM Whitehorse
* Wed., Apr. 3 Celebration of Learning Social 5 PM – 9 PM Whitehorse
* **6 Participants will be selected for the** Network of Innovation and Inquiry (NOII) Symposium or UBC Summer Institute: Inquiry and Innovation for School and System Leaders May or July in BC

Additional Information:

* Complete the 2018 – 2019 Yukon Education Learning Network Celebration of Learning Discussion Template found at <http://lss.yukonschools.ca/learning-networks.html> and submit to Paula.Thompson@gov.yk.ca requested by **April 1** for consideration for the May NOII Symposium or the July UBC Summer Institute: Inquiry and Innovation for School and System Leaders
* It is our hope that your participation in our learning networks will lead to new learning and new actions that will infuse you and your learners with “the confidence, the insights and mindsets needed to design powerful learning opportunities” (Halbert, Kaser and Timperley, 2014).
* [**The *Spiral Playbook: Leading with an inquiring mindset in school systems and schools***](http://c21canada.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Spiral-Playbook.pdf)(Kaser & Halbert 2016) continues topoint the way forward for building capacity for system-wide educational transformation connected to a sustainable approach to professional learning.
* The Curriculum and Assessment Unit is dedicated to sharing the stories and innovative work of Yukon educators across our system, within Canada, and internationally. To this end, we will keep our networks explicitly linked to the OECDs Seven Principles of Learning in an Innovative Learning Environment and provide an opportunity for up to six educators to attend the NOII Symposium in Richmond, BC or the July University of BC Summer Institute: Inquiry and Innovation for School and System Leaders. As in past years, in exchange we ask that these educators “pay it forward” through their willingness to share their work with others through means such as class visitations, presentations at a future Summer Academy or other collaborative opportunities.
* For those **already empowered and engaged** **in** an **inquiry**-based professional learning network or for those interested in trying to do so, **work independently at your school** **or across the system**.
	+ **Register your group** by submitting your inquiry group description and collaboration schedule by **Nov. 16** to Paula.Thompson@gov.yk.ca in order to be considered for the equivalent of 2 days of release time and the May **NOII** Symposium or the July Summer Institute: Inquiry and Innovation for School and System Leaders at UBC.
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