

Seoul International School

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

SY2017 - 2018



Note from David Coleman

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At SIS, we prioritize professional development for our faculty: we're always pushing ourselves to be better than we were, in order to model lifelong learning for our students and make SIS the best school it can be. Though our faculty will also travel throughout the region to attend workshops, here are the events that we are hosting right here at SIS.

A big thank you to the Staff Development committee, for their work in identifying these priorities!

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AppsEvents

SIS Google Bootcamp

September 16-17, 2017

In this internal bootcamp, Apps Events trainers will provide us with the latest developments and updates to G suite (formerly Google Apps). Rather than focusing on rote knowledge of apps, the workshops focus on the practical application of the tools in the classroom. This weekend will focus on the Google for Education Level 1 or Level 2 certification and includes a voucher to take the exam for free.



Mini-EARCOS

October 9, 2017

A cherished SIS tradition, Mini-EARCOS is an in-house professional development day taught by faculty for faculty. Teachers and administrators at SIS lead a wide range of professional workshops in every discipline, from “Techniques for Socratic Seminars” to “Inquiry Learning in Science” to “Making Math Interesting.” We also include team-building and wellness workshops, such as “Yoga for Beginners,” “Cooking with Kimchi,” and many more! Each year, faculty who present at Mini-EARCOS can apply to represent SIS and share their workshop at the EARCOS Teachers Conference in March 2018. This year, the focus strands for EARCOS are Literacy, Early Childhood, World Languages, and Technology.



PreK-8 Reading and Writing Workshop Professional Learning Teams

August-November 2017

The Teachers College Reading and Writing Workshop model has been implemented in Elementary and Middle School for many years now, because of our commitment to joyous, purposeful, lifelong literacy. This summer we are sending seven teachers to the Teachers College Summer Institutes in order to revitalize our literacy instruction PreK-8. We will follow up on these trainings with Professional Learning Partnerships and Teams, which will collaborate to model the Workshop methodologies for each other and reflect together on how to improve instructional practice.



Dr. Tom Schimmer--Assessment Workshop

March 1, 2018

In 2016-2017, our main curricular initiative has been on updating and improving Stage 1 of our curriculum maps in Atlas Rubicon. Our next step is to focus on Stage 2, assessments, and we're thrilled to be able to host one of the international leaders in assessment, Dr. Tom Schimmer, for our annual Samil Day professional development. Dr. Schimmer has taught workshops on assessment throughout the world, and his latest book, *Essential Assessment*, lays out the path forward to making our assessments more reliable, authentic, and useful for student learning.