# LAKE TRAIL COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL (FILTERED PLAN) Mar 16, 2021

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GOALS

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GOAL COMPLETION

LAKE TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAN
(LAKETRAIL) EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Goal	Update	Current Completion
Encourage and support staff innovative practices in education (Lake Trail): 100%		<b>75%</b> <b>75 / 100%</b> 10% ahead
→ We will support Inquiry Learning Teams within our school and in our Family of Schools.: 100%	NEW Gerald Fussell: We are actively working toward and learning how to teach with a school designed for modern pedagogy. 03/16/2021  NEW Gerald Fussell: In working with VIU we have set up a cohort of student teachers here led by our teacher leaders. 03/16/2021	<b>75%</b> <b>75 / 100%</b> 10% ahead
Foster a climate that supports real-world connections with learning (Lake Trail): 100%		<b>75%</b> <b>75 / 100%</b> 10% ahead
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Provide ongoing professional development (Lake Trail): 100%		<b>75%</b> <b>75 / 100%</b> 10% ahead
Every staff meeting is focused on Professional Development.: 100%		<b>75%</b> <b>75 / 100%</b> 10% ahead

### NEW Gerald Fussell:

We have released teacher teams to plan together with LSTs and counsellors to target specific Executive skills for our students.

03/16/2021

#### Gerald Fussell:

- 1. Have the agenda on the white board
- 2. Have items needed for the day on the white board
- 3. Students keep their work in bins
- 4. SET BC iPads
- 5. Ready, do, done
- 6. Planners
- 7. Daily, monthly schedule duo-tangs
- 8. e-portfolios
- 9. organization strategies and supports
- 10. plan of the day
- 11. LST à timers
- 12. Consistency and routine
- 13. Teachers modeling resiliency
- 14. Use of TEAMS to organize assignments and manage time
- 15. Weekly/biweekly binder organization
- 16. Daily agenda
- 17. Timers of activities to increase task initiation
- 18. Lesson à assignment à work à ticket out the door
- 19. More direct instruction
- 20. Emphasis on "skills you will need to do what you want"
- 21. Emphasis on procedures for accessing and submitting materials through Teams (i.e. process embedded in the assignments)
- 22. Increased transparency, communications with parents
- 23. Tutoring parents on accessing Teams and assignments
- 24. Self reflections with goal setting assignments
- 25. Self assessments across multiple classes
- 26. Journaling to increase self-awareness
- 27. Chunking projects into smaller assignments
- 28. Use of visual timer to show the amount of time left to complete the task (in class)
- 29. Checklists on assignments to support planning and organization
- 30. Detailed rubrics for assignments to help students meet criteria
- 31. Visual reminders for class behavior, class schedule, and weekly schedule (a student-friendly version of our own WAAG for the overhead)
- 32. Explicit learning goals for lessons and examples of completed assignments
- 33. continue emphasis on using Teams to access assignments
- 34. Modern Languages: Students creating "map to completion" organization tools
- 35. previous notetaking exercises to be used to teach study skills for final test
- 36. organization skills: bins, duo-tangs, collation of several assignments
- 37. executive functioning skills boost classroom based
- 38. in-class support for executive functioning during reading boost and languages blocks
- 39. updated visual supports in classrooms
- 40. Classroom profiles with a focus on executive functioning skills/development
- 41. Supporting and streamlining organizational skills in classrooms
- 42. on-line learners building monthly schedules

**75%** 23% ahead

Staff professional development is supported with resources as long as it aligns with school goals.

NEW Gerald Fussell:
Our Inclusion Support Team continues to work actively with teachers in classrooms to meet the diverse needs of all students.

03/16/2021

75% 23% ahead

# (LAKETRAIL) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Goal	Update	Current Completio
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# (LAKETRAIL) ORGANIZATIONAL STABILITY & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Goal	<b>U</b> pdate	<b>Current Completion</b>
Align outdoor and environment learning opportunities for long-term sustainability (Lake Trail): 100%		<b>75%</b> <b>75 / 100%</b> 10% ahead
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Support the establishment and augmentation of the school garden projects (Lake Trail): 100%		<b>75%</b> <b>75 / 100%</b> 10% ahead

## NEW Gerald Fussell:

Anna has applied for and been successful with some grants for our redesigned school garden. The plants that can be transported will spend the season at Courtenay Elementary School and in some of our staff gardens. The garden committee has a comprehensive plan for the restructure once the existing building has been removed.

03/16/2021

#### Gerald Fussell:

Have been working on planning and redesigning our new School Garden space. We provided this letter of support:

Date: December 17, 2020

Re: Lake Trail Community Middle School support for Garden Funding Application

To whom it may concern:

As principal of our community school for the past five years I have had the pleasure of working with Lake Trail Community Education Society to meet some of the needs of our students. We serve a low socio-economic community that has all the trappings of poverty that implies. Our learning community's goal for the past four years has been to improve the lives of every child. One of the ways we do this is by feeding them and by helping them understand the importance of healthy eating. We have done this through several approaches.

We hired a highly qualified person to run our concession with the mandate that we will raise the nutritional value of the food while keeping the costs as low as possible. We offer hot lunches four out of five days a week, and Lake Trail Community Education Society provides a free salad bar – with food produced as locally as possible – every Wednesday. Within this, we deny no child food and formally feed one-third of our students at no cost to them or their families. Where possible we use produce from our school garden in our concession program.

All our students in grades six and seven take a course in food literacy and all of our students in grades eight and nine have the option of taking several courses related to food literacy. These courses use our school garden extensively. In addition to these courses, our students also use our school garden when they are studying various themes in the Sciences, Social Studies, Art, and Math. Integrated with these studies are teachings about food security, environmental impact, and social responsibility.

The third piece of this work to improve the life of each child is our school garden itself: it really is at the centre of our school and consciousness. From the aesthetic – many students do their work in there and choose it when socializing with friends – to the practical – many students and families enjoy fresh snacks from the garden – our school garden provides mental and nutritional support for our community. In addition to this, having the garden allows for us to have students develop their skills of garden husbandry which they then transfer to their own homes.

With the construction of our new school, we have been very mindful to make sure our school garden continues to be a central part of our learning community; however, we are looking to learn from other gardens and increase its utility and potential for supporting healthier lifestyles. In the expanded garden and orchard, we are hoping to have a teaching area, outdoor kitchen, greenhouse, and advanced composting facilities for our community to use, but we cannot do this alone.

The support we get from Lake Trail Community Education Society enriches the support we can offer our students and families. Any help or support you can offer them for this initiative will be very much appreciated and very well used. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns.

12/18/2020

**75% 75 / 100%**10% ahead

# (LAKETRAIL) PHYSICAL HEALTH AND MENTAL WELL-BEING

Continue the Work to Wellness program (Lake Trail): 100%		<b>75%</b> <b>75 / 100%</b> 10% ahead
Continue to build capacity in sexual health education (Lake Trail): 100%		<b>75%</b> <b>75 / 100%</b> 10% ahead
Implement a district-wide mental health initiative (Lake Trail): 100%		<b>75%</b> <b>75 / 100%</b> 10% ahead
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We are focusing on student self-assessment of Core Competencies.: 100%

All teachers have verified the student self-assessments of Core Competencies.

03/16/2021

NEW Gerald Fussell:

Every student has completed a self-assessment of all Core Competencies.

03/16/2021

**75% 75 / 100%**10% ahead

# (LAKETRAIL) SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

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(LAKETRAIL) INQUIRY LEARNI	NG	

Update

**Current Completion** 

Goal

Our teacher professional development is driven **NEW** Gerald Fussell: by inquiry using the Spirals of Inquiry model and all homeroom teachers use inquiry as a delivery model throughout the year.: 100%

Teachers have been planning and working together guided by the Spirals of Inquiry model of learning. More specifically, they have been focusing on using class profiles to improve their inclusive practices.

03/16/2021

## **Gerald Fussell:**

We submitted our Spirals Learning Plan to NOIIE.

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Inquiry Team Members (Names and Emails)		
	Our entire staff	
Type of inquiry		
	NOIIE	
Grade levels addressed through inquiry		
	Intermediate (4-7)     Secondary (8-12)	
Focus Area: Please summarize in a few words (one sentence) the specific focus for your inquiry. This does NOT need to be framed as a question.		
	How do we use the move into a new building to improve inclusion?	
Scan & Focus: In two to four sentences, explain how your team determined the focus for your inquiry. For example, how did your team engage in the scanning phase of the Sprial of Inquiry to help determine the inquiry focus? What questions did you ask to find out what's going on for your learners? What did you learn as a result?		
	Our team has been built over the past 5 years around a Spirals model of Inquiry. Each year we scan, focus, develop our hunches, learn, take action, and then review our work to set our questions for next year. This past year we focused on increasing our awareness and understanding of inclusion. This year we are activating our learning as we practice, experiment, and learn what supports success as we prepare to move into a new building. This spring we will apply that learning, develop a plan, resource, and then move into a new building for September 2021. Our priority is to capitalize on this opportunity to improve our work on inclusion.	
New professional learning: In two to three sentences let us know about the new areas of professional learning you plan to explore connected to your focus area. Be as specific as possible.		
	We will be looking at the use of space, structural messaging, and school culture building to create a wholly inclusive new school while serving our same community.	

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12/18/2020

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Complete Community Links Form (Lake Trail)		<b>75%</b> 10% ahead