

**Figure 1: Professional Learning Community Self-Assessment**

Complete the PLC self-assessment individually and then discuss perceptions with the entire team.

| Components   | Yes | Not Yet | Characteristics of Our PLC   |
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| <b>1</b><br><b>Expect</b><br>purpose,<br>success, support,<br>and high-<br>functioning<br>collaborative<br>teamwork. |     |         | 1. Productive group norms are publicized, enforced, and evaluated.<br>2. There is an open, honest, and respectful atmosphere at the meetings.<br>3. All participants are encouraged to participate.<br>4. Roles and responsibilities are clear, equitable, and often rotated.<br>5. The agenda for the meetings is announced, clarified, and followed.<br>6. Notes are recorded at meetings.<br>7. School leaders provide clear expectations and support.<br>8. The team uses effective and efficient techniques to generate and clarify ideas, analyze topics of concern, and prioritize.<br>9. Consensus and compromise are used to make needed decisions in an efficient way.<br>10. The team uses efficient and effective techniques to solve group problems.<br>11. The team uses efficient and effective techniques to academic problems.<br>12. Time is used efficiently and NOT too much time is taken to accomplish the objectives. |
| <b>2</b><br><b>Inspect</b><br>student work,<br>and analyze and<br>interpret<br>achievement<br>data.                  |     |         | 13. Define essential questions and challenges regarding student learning needs.<br>14. Examine student work and achievement data to identify observations, patterns, and trends.<br>15. Identify the greatest area(s) of need.<br>16. Hypothesize contributing factors and reasons for performance.<br>17. Identify those factors that are within the control of schools and the team.   |
| <b>3</b><br><b>Select</b><br>goals, strategies,<br>and a plan of<br>action.  |     |         | 18. Create and commit to team improvement goals that are strategic, written, measurable, attainable, and realistic.<br>19. Identify research-based, best practices and correlate them to current practices that address the team's goal(s).<br>20. Consensus and compromise are used to create improvement plans in an efficient way.<br>21. The team creates improvement plans that include the improvement goals, objectives, indicators of success, measurements, strategies/methods, resources, a timeline, and needed resources.  |
| <b>4</b><br><b>Act</b><br>to prepare and to<br>implement the<br>improvement<br>plan.                                 |     |         | 22. The team has access to and participates in professional development activities to learn new knowledge and skills related to improvement targets.<br>23. Team members have time to collaboratively create units, lessons, resources, and assessments related to improvement targets.<br>24. Teacher support systems (e.g. peer coaching, electronic resources) are available to use during implementation of the improvement plans.<br>25. There is accountability for implementing improvement plans created by the team.<br>26. Team members collect student artifacts and other evidence of progress related to improvement targets.   |
| <b>5</b><br><b>Reflect</b><br>about the team's<br>functioning and<br>progress toward<br>the improvement<br>goal.     |     |         | 27. The PLC makes adjustments to implementation efforts based upon data/information and collaborative dialogue.<br>28. The team celebrates progress and goal achievement.<br>29. The PLC shares team accomplishments and activities with non-team members.<br>30. The team reflects about group functioning and makes necessary and desired adjustments.   |