

# Prospect Lake Elementary School Plan

2018-19



**School Goal Statement:** To maintain student engagement in learning.

**1. Rationale:**

- a. Research shows a strong correlation between student engagement and academic success.
- b. Connecting student's learning to the natural environment has increased engagement.
- c. Everyone wants to feel that they matter, so when students recognize that their opinions make a difference, they are more likely to actively participate in learning.
- d. With ever-changing technology and new ways to communicate being developed every day, student need exposure to effective oral, written and technology tools to ensure that they are communicating in various ways that suit them.

**2. Strategies:**

**a. Taking Action:**

- i. Teach students effective communication using a variety of ways through oral, written and various technology to demonstrate and participate in their learning
  - Provide release time for staff to collaborate to plan effective assessment of student's communication through oral, written and technology skills
  - Build capacity with staff to use technology as communication tool with collaboration and Pro-d opportunities
- ii. Create meaningful opportunities for students and staff to share their learning
  - Use professional development and collaboration of staff to develop outdoor learning with a focus on communication
- iii. Explore strategies connected to core competencies with the revised BC curriculum
  - Name, notice and nurture the common language through Classroom teaching, Family groupings and assemblies
  - Provide opportunities for staff and students to set goals, self -assess and reflect on their learning

**b. Checking/Results:**

- i. Students will have a strong sense of belonging and they feel accepted and valued by peers and staff. Students also indicate their knowledge and value our school beliefs through activities during the year and Gr 4/5 School Survey in May.
- ii. They will be able to communicate their thinking and learning effectively through report card data.
- iii. Students will be able to self-assess their communication skills through Competency Self-Assessment tool mid-year and year-end report cards.