

PLC Challenges

...and Solutions

From our meeting at NSTA 2011 in San Francisco, here are some challenges in forming PLCs:

- Getting busy people to do "one more thing."
- Recruitment
- Retention
- Participation
- Sustainability
- Getting the "right" people---those who will participate and contribute.
- Getting more than just the PD enthusiasts who are very active in PD efforts.
- Determining reasonable, doable requirements
- Setting reasonable expectations.
- Members can't always make it to live (real time) meetings.
- Getting teachers to put up their "stuff" (lesson plans, techniques...)

Ideas for asynchronous participation:

- brief report on a climate activity they tried out in their classroom
- analysis of a climate activity, even if they have not tried it out.
- posting a syllabus of their course, indicating precisely where climate activities or climate resources are used
- book review on a climate-related book they read
- posting link to an interesting article on climate-related subject