



Calgary High School Redesign Spring Network Day: *Personalizing the High School Experience*

Monday, March 11, 2019 Executive Royal Hotel, 2828-23 Street NE

Background:

In his leadership research, Michael Fullan shares with us that sometimes we need to go ‘outside’ to become stronger ‘inside’. The ‘Calgary and Area’ High School Redesign Network Day is designed to help us do exactly that – interact with others so that we might learn from diverse perspectives to help inform our own journeys in redesign. Each Network Day will begin with sharing around two key topics that will help create understandings and opportunities for richer conversations related to the themes for our focused conversation blocks. In each of these blocks, participants and school teams are encouraged to find the focused conversations that matter most to them, and to take their new learnings from these engagements back to their schools and regions as a catalyst to explore current practices with new information.

Day Schedule:

9:00am - 10:15am Welcome

Personalizing Learning Through Community Partnerships Panel Presentation

Calgary Board of Education: Bradey Thompson

Calgary Catholic: Steve Pentingola and Rock Goldade

Southern Alberta Institute of Technology : Rozlynn Wick

University of Calgary: Christine Johns

10:15am - 10:30am Coffee

10:30am - 11:10am *How Can We Utilize a Collective Impact Approach to Support High School Completion?*

Presentation by Craig Foley, Director, Signature Initiatives for the United Way of Calgary and Area

Since 2012, All In for Youth has convened various partners in a collective impact approach to address high school completion in Calgary. By working with school districts, community agencies, corporate partners, and donors, All In for Youth has been working collaboratively with schools to support youth in completing high school, develop meaningful adult connections, eliminate financial barriers to success, and transition youth from high school into further education, training, or employment. This presentation will highlight All In for Youth’s work in ensuring that youth in high school are well supported, mentored, guided in a trauma-informed school culture, and are well connected to community resources and supports as they transition into adulthood.

11:15am - 12:15pm Focused Conversation 1

12:15pm - 1:00pm Lunch

1:00pm - 2:00pm Focused Conversation 2

2:00pm - 2:15pm Coffee

2:15pm - 3:15pm Focused Conversation 3



Themes for Focused Conversations:

Each of the 4 themes below will be available in EACH focused conversation block. Participants will choose a theme of interest for each focused conversation block.

1. Meaningful Connections/Relationships (Room: Emerald A)

- Mentorship (What is it? What are the benefits for students?)
- Teacher Advisory Models – purpose and creation of model
- Cultures and how do we create ours within a multi-cultural school environment
- Mental Health Supports

2. Transitions (Room: Sapphire #1)

- Relational Based supports/mentorship
- Role of the Career Practitioner/Guide Counsellors in supporting personal pathways
- Student Support Models
- Welcoming Caring Practices (student voice and engagement)

3. Student Supports (Room: Emerald B)

- Attendance Strategies
- Using Data to inform decisions
- Using Collaborative Response and RTI to identify, support and track progress
- The Role of the Grad Coach/Learning Coach supporting at risk learners

4. Community Partnerships to Support Learning (Sapphire #2)

- Skill based mentorships
- Dual Credit (What is Dual Credit? What are the various models being developed?)
- RAP, Internships, Work Experience opportunities