



Education Innovation Funding 2015-2016
Wellington Catholic District School Board
Report to CODE
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The Education Innovation Funding allowed for strategic and integrated planning for the future direction of Wellington CDSB. There were three phases to our collective Executive Council work.

PHASE 1 - January to June 2016
Strategic Planning

2016 presented an opportunity to renew the multi-year strategic plan for Wellington CDSB. The Innovation funding was used to plan and enable an innovative and engaging, broad-based, consultative strategic planning process and to set the direction for a multi-year plan 2016-2019.

The four areas of focus that emerged include:

- Celebrating Our Catholic Faith
- Engaging Everyone In Our Board
- Building Safe and Inclusive Communities
- Innovating For Student Success and Staff Growth

PHASE 2 - March 2016 to June 2016
Development of Renewed Vision for Information Technology

The Wellington Catholic District School Board believes in inspiring learning through the innovative and effective use of technology. We believe in student-centered, personalized, authentic learning using technology as an enabler to realize this vision. A standard school model for technology in elementary and secondary was developed as a result of comprehensive research and review of a variety of school boards.

PHASE 3 - June 2016 to June 2017
Engaging Everyone in Our Board , Innovating for Student Success and Staff Growth

The Innovation Fund provided a unique opportunity to engage our Executive Council team, senior managers, their respective administrative assistants and program department staff in professional learning to develop enhanced skills in communications portals and our support of schools. This work will continue during the 2016-17 year as we develop the actions to support our strategic plan, namely, the focus areas of engaging everyone in our board and innovating for student success and staff growth

Focus of Professional Learning:

- Multiple platforms: Google, Microsoft, Apple, Chromebooks, Adobe, Sharepoint
- Innovation: Blended learning, Gamification, Apps & Extensions, Robotics, Bring Your Own Device (BYOD), Inclusive Education
- Sessions for beginners to expert – Applying pedagogy to technology



- Leadership: information, strategies and examples to support school and district leaders and instructional coaches to model, create and support effective practices for K-12 educators.

Technology is transforming the areas of education, jobs and the global economy. The Innovation funding will continue to support our efforts and commitment to explore how emerging technologies can be used for the common good.

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