

Service learning in Lutheran schools

Staff meeting PowerPoint notes

NB These can be used as a starting point for planning professional learning opportunities for your staff. They don't need to be used as a 'step by step' guide. You could run a whole day session or staff meetings spread over an extended period of time or work with a small group of interested people that could act as advocates for service learning in your school.

Slides 1-12

What is service learning?

- Prior knowledge: Before starting the PowerPoint Presentation, get staff in pairs or small groups to discuss, record and share their answers to the following- Service learning is.... Service learning is not...
- Questions: Where do you think our school is on the Service learning journey? What are service opportunities that we offer at the moment? Are we focused more on service or service learning?
- Consider a unit of work that you already do, think about it with a service learning 'lens'. What would it look like now? What would change? What would you keep?

Slides 13-32

Implementing service learning and effective characteristics of service learning practice

- Complete a quick audit in small groups. What characteristics of effective service learning practice do we do well in our school? What needs work? What would be a starting point for our school to move forward to start implementing an effective service learning program /approach?

Slides 33-39

Planning a service learning experience

- In small groups (year level or departments) consider a service learning experience that may be able to occur at school or locally or globally. Using the information gained/ discussed so far develop a plan of implementation for this idea with your team.

Slides 40-51

What does the research suggest?

- The question is asked at the start of these selection of slides 'Is it worth?' Discuss this question in small groups and share thoughts / reflections after the slides have been presented.

Slides 52-58

Theology and service learning

- Consider the values for Lutheran schools and our theology, what would a vision statement for service learning include for our school?