Self-directed professional development plan

Modified from Gerstein (2013)

Develop a vision and a mission of an ideal classroom and optimal student achievement

✓ What are your current areas of interest related to teaching?
✓ What are current best practices and/or initiatives that resonate with you (ex. STEM, 21st Century Skills, NGSS, Career Readiness, etc.)?
✓ What are the elements of your ideal classroom?
Identify gaps between what is and the ideal

- What is your current reality?
- What is your desired reality?
- What obstacles are there?
- What key resources do you need?
- What steps will you take to bridge the gap?
Establish and/or identify self-driven and directed professional development activities to close the gap

✓ What sources will you learn from?
✓ What programs or classes would you like to take?
✓ Who would you like to be mentored by?
✓ What other sources of social support will you need?
Develop plans of action for implementation, then implement

- What kind of experiences might I need?
- Who can help me? What will I ask of them?
- What has worked for me in the past?
- What have I seen others do that might work for me?
- What am I willing to try?
Engage in an accountability system

- What do I see as evidence of my learning?
- Who do I need to share this evidence with?
- How will I share it with these people?