EDPD 581 Action Plan

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I’ve truly learned many new and exciting things during this course. I must also admit that I was at times totally overwhelmed with new information and had some difficulty keeping things sorted in my mind. I wish to say thank you to the three of you for making us feel like it was okay for us to choose a few things and focus on learning these first. Your analogy to the native and immigrant technology user hit home with me. I am definitely an immigrant in many ways.

How I will use what I have learned to continue my own professional and personal growth:

* I am learning to use Mozilla Firefox and finding it quite user friendly. I will continue to explore all the different tools and applications that are available. I enjoy the readability tool to clean up web pages.
* I had really never explored Microsoft PowerPoint and have used some class photos to make up a short story to share with my students.

What I will incorporate in my teaching to make learning accessible and engaging to all:

* I will explore using the web-based programs that will be accessible through our server. I can see myself using Kurzweil and Clicker 5 now that I know these can be used in French.
* I would like to use Photostory or Microsoft PowerPoint as a tool for story writing in my class.
* Next year, I would like to set up a class wiki. I will post newsletters, spelling lists, and resources that I would like parents to access at home. I am always trying to find way to reduce my paper use. This really fits the bill.

What I hope to share with my colleagues and parents:

* I would like to show my French Immersion colleagues how to use the programs (in French) that will be placed on our server.
* Will encourage my parents to make good use of the class wiki.

Impact on district – What I will share beyond my classroom

* As we have heard during this course, there are already many copies of great programs for students with special needs in our district. Having some knowledge about how to use these resources will benefit the children who are under my care.
* I can share my newfound knowledge with parents and colleagues who are struggling with finding tools that will work for their students, and children.

Tools that have potential to make a big difference in my world:

* Learning how to create a wiki has been a valuable experience. There were many things I didn’t know how to do such as create links and insert plug-ins. These will be useful to me in other applications.
* Learning how to use Kurzweil and Clicker 5 in French will make a difference in my teaching.
* The reading tools will be useful when students are doing research.

Biggest ‘Aha’ moments

* That so many things are available in French
* The little tricks make a big difference when working with technology. Learning these and keeping a cheat sheet on hand saves a lot of time and aggravation.