

TANNIS NIZIOL

LEARNING FACILITATOR

"The story is truly finished - and meaning is made - not when the author adds the last period, but when the reader enters."

- Celeste Ng -

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Partners in adult learning for student's sake

BIO:

Tannis is currently supporting Alberta teachers as a Professional Learning Facilitator with the Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium. She recently served as a Curriculum Consultant for the Edmonton Catholic School Division. Throughout her 30-year career as an educator, in both Edmonton and Winnipeg, Tannis remains passionate about teaching and learning, and the need for explicit literacy apprenticeship at all levels in all subject areas. Holding a Master's Degree in Secondary Language Arts, Tannis believes all students deserve access to rich, diverse reading experiences and to a safe equitable space to talk about what they see, hear, think and feel. She is on a journey to disrupt and bring clarity to the conversations that drive our planning and assessment practice.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

- Language Arts 7-12
- Literacy 7-12
- Readers/Writers Workshop
- Disciplinary Literacy
- Understanding by Design
- Conceptual Understanding
- Assessment

SESSION OFFERINGS:

- Making Meaning: Embedded Literacy across the Curriculum
- Talking to Learn: Talk Routines that Build Understanding
- Texts in ELA 7-12: Windows, Mirrors and Sliding Doors
- Rethinking the Language Arts Classroom 7-9
- Book Clubs: Choice, Collaboration, Confidence
- Words Matter: Building Academic Vocabulary
- Leveraging Mentor Texts in the ELA 7-12 Classroom
- Planning with the End in Mind
- Assessment For and As Learning: Best Practices in the Secondary Classroom
- Reading the World: Engagement and Agency in Secondary ELA
- The Art of Academic Conversation: Creating a talking and thinking classroom