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Recently Tan spent the day in the Chilliwack school district and provided staff with a day of professional development designed for both classroom teachers and English Language Learner teachers. Tan was incredibly flexible in the scheduling of his time and was able to accommodate our request with short notice. Tan's professionalism and flexibility allowed the Chilliwack school district to take advantage of a last-minute change of plans and provided a valuable learning opportunity to teachers in the district.

Tan's presentation focused on building vocabulary, providing scaffolds for ELLs and the Talk-Read-Talk-Write strategy. It was engaging, practical and allowed teachers to walk away with hands on tools that could be implemented in their teaching practice the next day. Tan was able to create a welcoming atmosphere that made teachers feel comfortable to share their experiences and challenges. Tan expertly facilitated rich and meaningful conversations between colleagues as well as providing time to practice using different scaffolds and strategies. This opportunity allowed classroom teachers and ELL teachers alike to reflect on their roles and how they can more effectively work together to support student learning in the classroom.

It was a pleasure to host Tan in our district. His passion for teaching and sharing effective pedagogy, knowledge and experiences are evident in his extremely engaging and practical presentations. I look forward to finding additional opportunities to bring Tan's message of inclusion, building literacy and supporting language learners in the classroom to the Chilliwack school district in the future.

Sonja Wykpis

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