



IPLI Action Research Showcase – Cohort 8

April 14, 2021
(Morning of IPLI April Seminar)

OVERVIEW AND DIRECTIONS

What is the IPLI Action Research Showcase?

IPLI Cohort 8 principals worked on a personal action research cycle focused on their instructional leadership practices this school year. An essential part of the action research cycle is creating a space and time for principals to come together and share the knowledge they've generated through the process of action research with one another and others so that many people can benefit from your inquiry!

The morning of the IPLI April seminar will be structured in a low-key, roundtable sharing, conference-like format to provide each principal the opportunity to share his/her action research and hear about the action research of selected colleagues. There will be four 30-minute sessions. There will be 6-7 tables with 2 principals assigned to share at each table in each session. Each presenter will have 10 minutes total to share an overview of his/her personal action research cycle and what he/she learned from the process.

Each session will also have a session facilitator. The facilitator will introduce you and the other presenter, help you stay within your allotted time, and end the session by leading a discussion across both presentations in your session. Directions that facilitators will follow as they lead your session will also be shared with you, so you know what to expect from your session facilitator.

Why is the IPLI April Seminar Action Research Showcase important?

Through sharing your work with others at the April seminar, you are benefitting three important groups of people:

- **You!** - The process of preparing for your action research presentation will help you clarify what you learned through your inquiry. This clarification will help you apply what you learned to your practice as a principal!
- **Fellow Cohort 8 IPLI Principals!** - All those who attend your presentation will benefit from the knowledge you generated from inquiring into your practice!
- **Current and Future IPLI Affiliates and Participants!** - Those who attend your sessions will leave with ideas to implement in their administrative

practice, as well as ideas for how to improve the IPLI action research experience. Next year's IPLI Cohort 9 principals will have rich examples to follow as they stand on the shoulders of giants who have studied their administrative practice as a part of IPLI in the past – YOU!

WHAT AN IMPACT!!

More about the importance of sharing and celebrating action research can be found in Chapter 5 of your book *Leading with Passion and Knowledge: The Principal as Action Researcher*. This chapter can help you get ready for your session.

How do I prepare for my session?

After your March regional cohort meeting, continue to contemplate what you have learned from your data as a result of receiving feedback from your regional cohort and create approximately 5 – 10 PowerPoint slides that overview your study. The following format is suggested:

- Title Slide
- The Background Leading to This Inquiry
- The Purpose of This Inquiry
- My Wondering
- My Actions
- Data Collection
- My Data
- My Data
- My Discoveries
- Where I Am Heading Next

The PowerPoint template is attached. In the “notes” section of each PowerPoint slide, you will find guidance for creating each section of your PP. Please note, you may need additional slides for the presentation of your data.

You may add backgrounds, transitions, animations, etc., to their slides, but please note that when it is submitted to IPLI, it must be as a PDF document, which freezes the formatting and layout.

Remember – you have a total of 10 minutes for your presentation! That is not a lot of time, so think in terms of highlights. You may wish to practice your presentation once you complete your PowerPoint slides to be sure you stay within your allotted time frame.

As you put together your PowerPoint, we ask that you simultaneously create a narrative or script for each slide in your PowerPoint using the attached IPLI Word template. This script will be submitted to IPLI along with your PowerPoint for publication on the IPLI website. Having a script to accompany your PowerPoint

enables individuals not attending the Showcase to understand your action inquiry project. Half of your script is already written – All you will need to do is copy and paste a description of your study from the inquiry brief you completed in November, and you'll already be halfway done!

Bring your laptop with you to the April seminar to share your presentation at your roundtable. You will be able to display your presentation on the mounted TV assigned to your table. IPLI will provide an HDMI cord to connect to the TV. **Please make sure whatever device you are using has an HDMI port (laptop, notebook, iPad, etc.). You will also want to make sure you download your presentation onto your device before the seminar or bring a jump drive if we have Internet problems.**

What's next?

Enjoy sharing and celebrating your learning with other IPLI Cohort 8 principals at your session on April 14, and select three additional sessions to attend that morning! Through sharing your work with others, you are making an outstanding contribution to IPLI and other professionals! You rock!!

Finally, submit your PowerPoint and script for publication on the IPLI website. To do this, save both documents as a PDF document and submit them to Madison Gruenert, IPLI Program Coordinator. In this way, others can learn through your work even if they missed your April 14 presentation, and you can learn from other presentations you were unable to attend.

Madison will send you instructions for saving your PowerPoint and script as PDF documents to use for this step. Please submit to IPLI by May 1. This will allow time to prepare the IPLI action research website for the July IPLI Summer Seminar to kick off the next IPLI year.

Please let us know how we can support you in this endeavor. Best wishes! See you in April!

Dr. Kelly Andrews