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An experience of school Leadership, collaboration and professional development during COVID-19 pandemic

FONDECYT N° 1201710, "Collaboration practices within and between instructional leadership teams, for a sustainable pedagogical improvement"

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Purpose

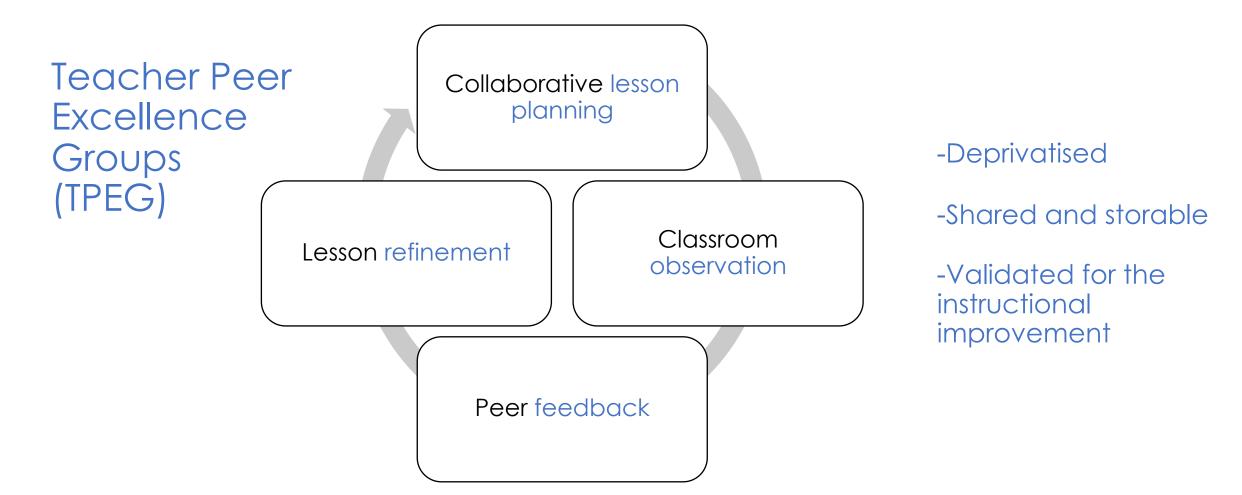
The purpose of the project is to promote a model of collaboration, focused on the development of communities of practice, formed by school leaders and teachers, with focus on instructional improvement.

Theoretical Background

Instructional Leadership: Hallinger & Murphy (1985); Leithwood (2009); Robinson, Hohepa & Lloyd (2007)

Communities of practice: Wenger (2004); Supovitz & Christman (2003); Cravens & Drake (2017); Müller & Volante (2017)

Theoretical Background



Cravens & Drake (2017); Cravens, Drake, Goldring & Schuermann (2017)

Theoretical Background

Instructional Leadership Teams

- Practice 0: Creating Instructional Leadership Teams (ILT)
- Practice 1: Building a shared vision around teaching and learning
- Practice 2: Defining key learnings in a specific domain
- Practice 3: Leading students to set goals for themselves
- Practice 4: Ensuring successful learning experiences
- Practice 5: Monitoring student and curriculum goals
- Practice 6: Providing feedback
- Practice 7: Performing observation and feedback cycles
- Practice 8: Creating Professional Learning Communities

Context

- Pozo Almonte (pop: 15.000), in the north of Chile
- 8 rural public schools (7 elementary/lower secondary, 1 secondary)





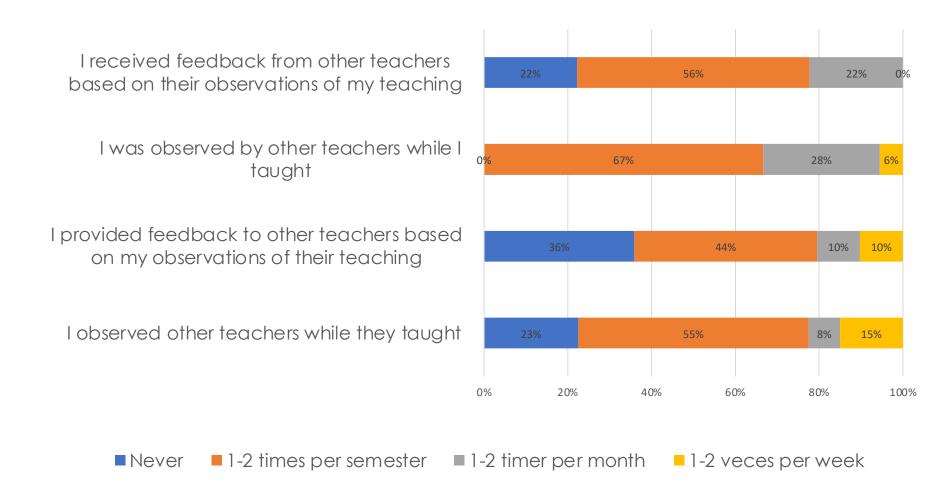
Context

- 8 teams (communities of practice), one per school.
- 8th grade.
- Teams: Principal, academic coordinator, maths teacher(s),
 English teacher(s), PIE (special needs coordinators)

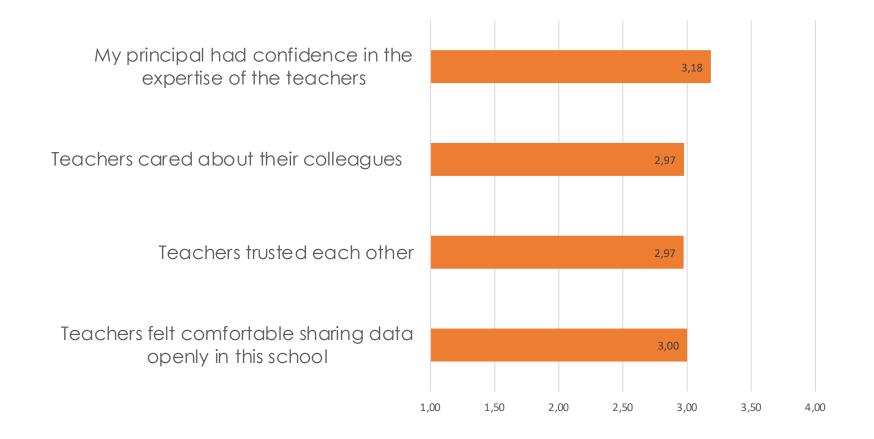
Sample

School	University	Team members	Students at
	Coach		the school/ in
			8th grade
PZ1	UC1	Principal, UTP, 2 Mathematics teachers, 2 English teachers, 1 special education teacher	671/70
PZ2	UC1	Principal, UTP, 1 Mathematics teacher, 1 English teacher, 1 special education teacher	241/119
PZ3	UC2	Principal, UTP, 1 Mathematics teacher, 1 special education teacher	266/21
PZ4	UC2	Principal, UTP, 1 Mathematics teacher, 1 English teacher, 1 special education teacher	84/12
PZ5	UC3	Principal, UTP, 2 Mathematics teachers, 2 English teachers, 1 special education teacher	959/72
PZ6	UC3	Principal, UTP, 1 Mathematics teacher, English teacher, 1 special education teacher	94/10
PZ7	UC4	Principal, UTP, 2 Mathematics teachers, 1 English teacher, 3 special education teachers	45/5
PZ8	UC4	Principal, 2 UTP, 6 Mathematics teachers, 6 special education teachers	746
Total	4 UC coaches	8 principals, 9 academic coordinators, 15 Mathematic teachers, 7 English Teachers,	3106

Initial assessment

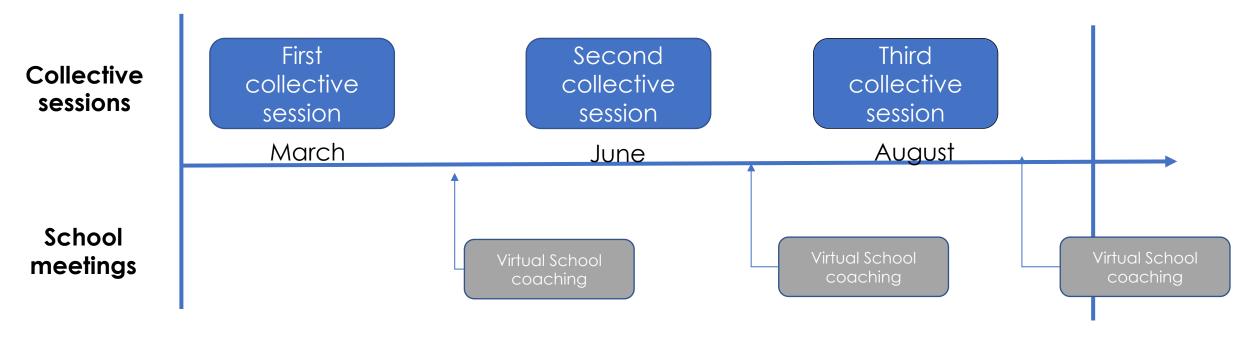


Initial assessment



Implementation





Simulation and exercises to support the acquisition of the model

Collaborative Research Cycle

Simulated lesson Refined lesson Collaborative lesson planning Classroom Lesson refinement observation Peer feedback

Adaptated from Cravens & Drake (2017).



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Products are stored and shared

Simulated practices

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Preliminar results

Progress

- Schools recognise the Collaborative Research Cycle
- Improved observation: less focused on the teacher, more focused on students and their learning process
- Peer feedback: more focused on the improvement
- Lesson refinement as a formal practice

Preliminar results

Facilitators

- Principals ensured protected time for the activities and participated actively, providing instructional support
- High levels of personal trust
- Comfort with deprivatised practice

Preliminar results

Challenges

- Progress towards a more professional trust
- Sustain collaboration as a formal practice
- School reopening?

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