

notes from Patrice's project

(Patrice and Christian, if you want to add/correct, please do)

has a colleague who is into translanguaging - at school - coplanning writing units - doing some co-teaching with her and with the shared Instructional Assistant - what a great model for professional development - ongoing, collaborative, classroom based ... and autonomous since the school is small and Patrice and her colleague have lots of latitude.

Patrice is still leading her own created committee on language and culture - they are working on a few things, like a welcome sign at the front entrance in multiple languages. Working on it with a STEAM teacher and they'll do laser cutting and use bamboo ... they decided not to ask permission, but rather forgiveness, and are going to make it look good and see what happens.

Signage - festivals - I forgot to take notes for a stretch!! Patrice is using feedback from the last meeting about parents who come in with a small presentation and potentially snacks from different countries - like an int'l day on the theme of Xmas, since Patrice picked that holiday to organize.

Patrice is cleverly using existing structures to advance her own agenda - the agenda of the Cultural and Linguistic Committee ;-). They are focused on elementary this year because that's where Patrice and her colleague have the most influence.

Christian was thinking creatively about how to use the signage in front of the building to match words with languages ... just riffing on the idea of the sign and the internationalism that it represents.