The Consortium
South Office

# Colony Connections: Sharing What Works in Teaching and Learning

PRESENTED BY

Adelee Penner & Nancy Schwager

SERIES SESSIONS

| Date | Time |
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| September 25, 2025 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM |
| January 29, 2026 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM |
| March 26, 2026 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM |
| May 28, 2026 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM |

LOCATION

Zoom Online Meeting - Zoom

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## Learning Opportunity

Hosted by ACE (Alberta Colony Educators) and The Consortium, this five-session professional learning series, moderated by Nancy Schwager, is designed to bring together teachers and educational assistants working in Hutterite colony schools for an evening of sharing, collaboration, and practical support.

Each session is focused on a specific subject area from the Alberta Program of Studies and follows a relaxed, drop-in "show-and-share" format. Participants are encouraged to bring and share lesson plans, resources, classroom routines, projects, and activities that have worked in their unique settings. This is a chance to learn with and from each other—building a collective toolkit to support student learning across colonies.

Whether you're looking for fresh ideas, have something great to share, or simply want to connect with other educators in similar contexts, you are welcome here!

## Presenters

Adelee Penner

Adelee Penner BHEc, BEd, MEd - CEO Elk Willow Consulting

Adelee Penner is a highly sought-after consulting professional who has demonstrated her ability to realize system improvement and change disruption. She brings her practical experience working with teachers and school-based and district leaders to her project consultation/work. She has been an educator and leader in Manitoba and Alberta school authorities. Adelee also has experience as an Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Alberta. She has worked for Manitoba Agriculture and Alberta Education, which has provided her with the opportunity to innovate, create, and problem-solve at a provincial level. In addition to consulting, Adelee is a Lecturer in the Education Faculty at the University of Alberta ans is pursuing a PhD at the University of Calgary. She also has a passion for seeking food security for folks around the world. In the last few years, Adelee has supported diversity projects for farmers, including seeking multiple sources of revenue. She has also supported folks as they worked to enter the alternative protein market. Adelee has also used her background in mental health literacy to support equity, diversity, and inclusion in both the workplace and system and policy planning.

Adelee is able to create remarkable outcomes through her unshakable optimism. She enjoys working alongside leaders as she believes we can shape an innovative future together. Adelee's strengths lie in her ability to inspire and motivate people to achieve meaningful improvement, see possibilities, and create opportunities; she is a systems thinker, and she is able to craft meaningful processes through which remarkable outcomes are possible. Through her visionary leadership and ability to analyze and assess multiple data sources, she can coach teams into actioning their potential. As an IAP2 certified trainer, Adelee enjoys working with organizations to inspire new ways to engage with their stakeholders and consider their communication strategies. Adelee inspires others to be their best while focusing on goals the system is working towards. She is a disruptor who challenges thinking and makes you realize you can shift/refine your practice for your well-being, practice, and clients.

Nancy Schwager

Nancy has been a teacher for over 25 years. This school year marks the beginning of my eighth year teaching at the Morinville Colony in the Kinder to Grade 4 classroom. Alberta is the third province that I have called home, as my spouse spent almost 25 years in the Canadian Military before he retired. We have loved living in Alberta so much that we continue to make it our permanent home rather than returning to our original province.

## Registration Notes

No recordings will be provided.

Zoom link will be sent out with registration email.