



## Wild Rose Public Schools

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### Exploring Performance Based Assessment at Aurora



Having participated in a performance based assessment session offered by Jayson Lovell during the Leading and Learning conference, Mr. Prentice, Principal of Aurora School, made arrangements for Jayson and two teachers, Lois and Brenda, from Wolf Creek Public Schools, to join Aurora staff on January 4, 2010.

The trio presented a half day professional development with 90% of Aurora's teaching staff in attendance. The session began with an overview of Wolf Creek's journey into outcomes based reporting and the value of performance based assessments. Participants were then led through a "scavenger hunt" on the Alberta Assessment Consortium's (AAC) website. The hunt was designed to familiarize staff with the resources available on the site. The session culminated with teachers developing a performance based assessment tasks with their professional learning community groups - either on their own, or by adapting a resource from the AAC website. Wayne Prentice, Aurora's principal, stated, "this fits in very nicely with the other work that our staff has been doing on outcomes based reporting, SMART Learning and maximizing learning opportunities for students!".



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