* **How will you contribute to the effectiveness, vitality and self-renewal of the teaching profession and of their school and community?**

Technology is such a huge part of our current world. There is a constant surge of new innovations that can contribute to effective instruction. It is up to us as educators to stay on top of what is available, and to help each other form new ideas, plan lessons, and incorporate those technologies into our instruction. Effectively using technology can enhance teaching and engage students in a way that has not been possible before now. Students are surrounded by these technologies, and they are eager to use them as they are learning and growing.

I believe that my biggest contributions can come in the form of sharing ideas and being supportive of those who are beginning to implement new ideas into their classrooms, most especially the other teachers at my school. If I make others aware that I am willing and able to help out, I think that they will find the opportunities to utilize me.

For example, my teammate has been a big tech support person at our school for a long time. The teachers know that she is available and often knows how to fix things, and come up with new ideas. Because of this she is often overloaded with helping others, and doesn’t have the time she needs to prepare herself. I now feel that I am in a position to extend a helping hand and take some of that load off of her.

**In what ways will you give back to the education profession and larger learning community? (Grants, Online Lesson plans, Flipped Classroom Lesson, etc.)**

I think I can help in giving back to the larger learning community by becoming more active and involved in my PLN and other online resources. Up until this point I feel that I have done a lot of “taking.” I am always looking for new opportunities and ideas for lessons online and through blogs etc, but it is rare that I share my own ideas. For now I think I will stick with commenting on the thoughts of others, and maybe someday down the road I can create my own blog.

I love the idea of writing more grants and trying to obtain resources for my school that we may not otherwise be able to obtain. There is so much money out there that could be used for greater purposes than it is currently being used for. I think it’s interesting that so many people put so much of an emphasis on the importance of education, but then the budgets and cash flow show other priorities. Grants are a great way to find those that are wanting to help out, and give them a chance to make a difference.