



## **Passion and Engagement: The Key to Creating Vibrant Learning Communities!**

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### ***Opening Reflection - Positivity QUOTES***

*"It's not crazy to dedicate ourselves to a life that feels true, empowering, and exciting. It's just plain crazy not to." – Tama Kieves*

*"Our work is the tool for self-expression and contribution. When we are aligned with our purpose, that is, sharing our true self "on the job", we feel a sense of joy and fulfillment." - Bruce D. Schneider*

*Positivity presents an opportunity to step up to the next level of existence: to broaden your mind and build your best future. – Barbara Fredrickson*

*"...positive emotions allow us to discover and build new skills, new ties, new knowledge, and new ways of being." – Barbara Fredrickson*

*"Thoughts are magnetic. What we think about we attract." — Jon Gordon*

*"If you are complaining you can't be thinking about or creating what you do want."  
— Jon Gordon*

*"Your positive energy and vision must be greater than anyone's and everyone's negativity. Your certainty must be greater than everyone's doubt." - Jon Gordon*

*"Dust on gold doesn't change the nature of the gold. It's still gold...the key is to realize that inside everyone is gold that wants to shine. The value is on the inside. Help them find their gold." - Jon Gordon*

*"When you are clear about purpose and intention, the universe seems to come rushing to your side to support you and synchronicities happen all around you." - Alan Seale*

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# The WIN List

*Think about all the amazing things that happen in your professional life. Create a list of ten wonderful experiences that you have had in the past few months.*

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## Passion, Intentionality and Engagement: The Key to Creating Vibrant Learning Communities



Think of a time when you were **Passionately** engaged in your daily work. Describe in detail how you felt during this time:



What ideas do you have for increasing your **Intentionality** in your daily work:



Describe how your **Engagement** will increase when you bring your **Passions** to your work in a focused **Intentional** manner:

**Action Steps:** *Increase your Passion and Engagement! List two to three action steps you can take in the next few weeks*

1.

2.

3.



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