

Sonya Ter Borg

Teaching Experience
Marnetui Beach School, Auckland, New Zealand
Grade 5 and 6 Homeroom Teacher
1997-2001

Vientiane International School, Vientiane, Lao PDR
Grade 4 Homeroom Teacher
2001-2002

Oaklawn Bruns Academy, Charlotte, North Carolina
Grade 5 Homeroom Teacher
2002-2003

Bonn International School, Bonn, Germany
Grade 2 Homeroom Teacher
Language Arts Coordinator
2003-2006

New International School Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand
K-3 Art Teacher
Elementary Art Coordinator K-5
2006-2008

Yokohama International School, Yokohama, Japan
Grade 3 Homeroom Teacher
3-5 Curriculum Coordinator
2008-2010

Riverstone International School, Boise, Idaho
Grade 4 and 5 Homeroom Teacher
Technology and Innovation Coach
2010-present

University of Canterbury
Bachelor of Education

Christchurch College of Education
Diploma of Teaching

International Baccalaureate Organization
PYP Trainer / Workshop Leader
IBO Exceptional Teacher
Sharing PYP Practice Blog
PYP Magazine Co-Editor

passion for learning

creative innovation

empowered change

Me!

Passionate about helping to move curriculum forward to further education in our school

Experienced understanding of curriculum from multiple teaching and administrative perspectives

Fearless in implementing innovative ideas with the understanding that the worst that can happen is failure

Capable of utilizing technology to enhance classroom learning and teaching in our school

Committed to supporting teachers in order to allow innovation to flourish in our classrooms



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My classroom and personal blogs where you will see evidence of thought put into action.

Words that inspire and guide...

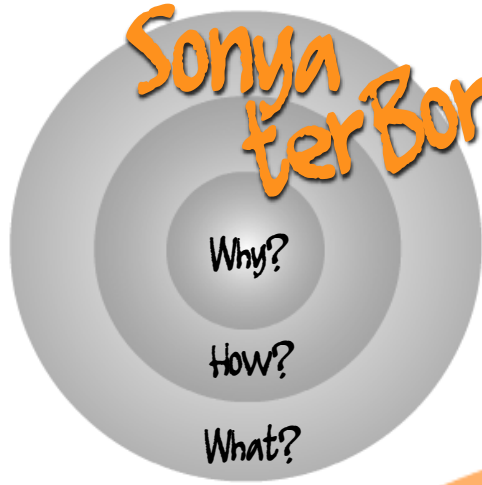
"Pushing yourself to be the best is unsustainable. Simply push yourself to be better than the day before."

Simon Sinek

"Please stop waiting for a map. We reward those who draw maps - not those who follow them."

Seth Godin

Sonya Ter Borg



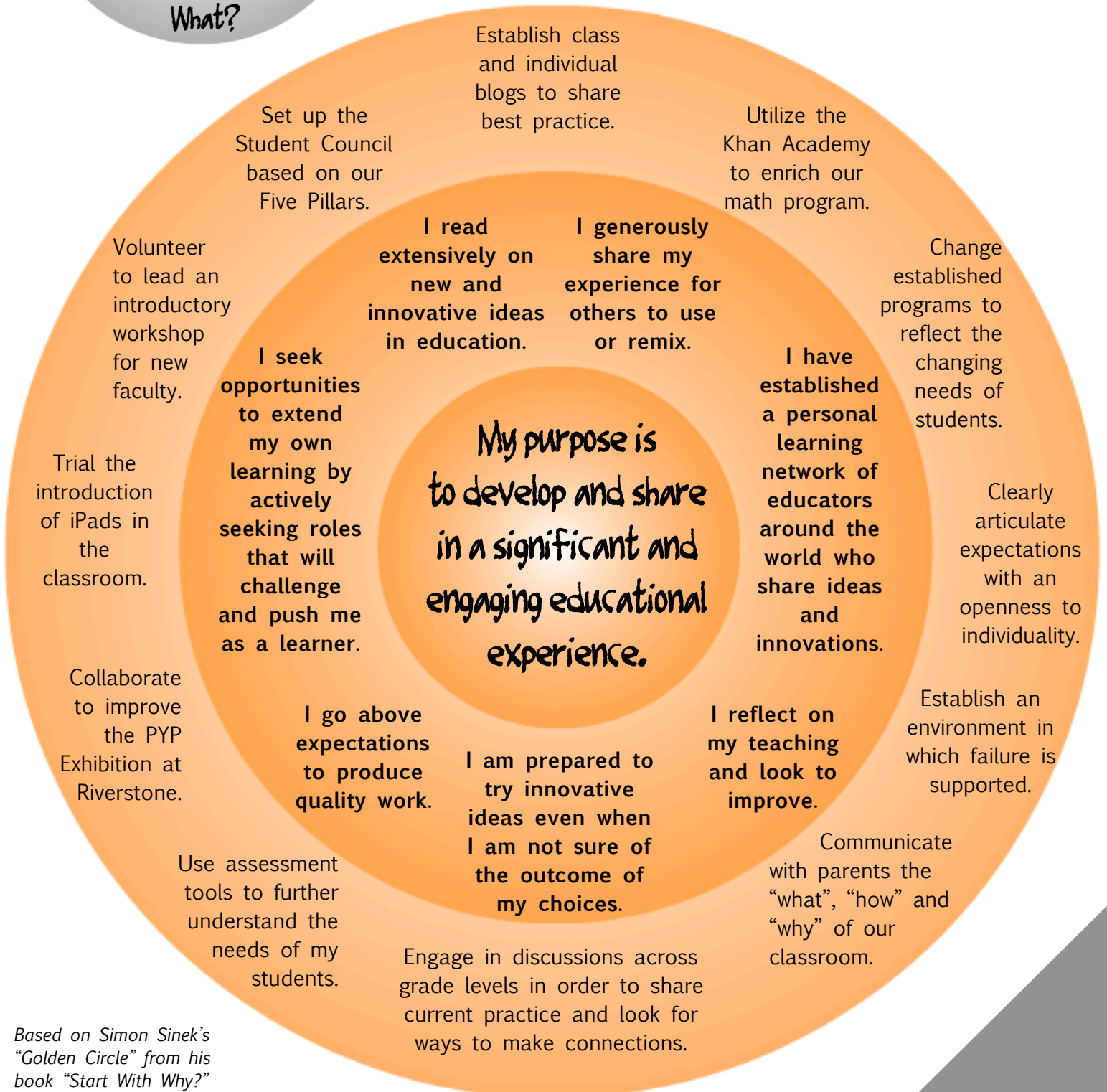
WHY I am an educator.



HOW I aim to be the best educator I can be.



WHAT I do in my role as an educator.



Based on Simon Sinek's "Golden Circle" from his book "Start With Why?"

Passion Based Learning

Finding your passion changes everything. This is true of all learning. Beginning in 2011/12 I initiated “The Passion Project” at Riverstone for the PYP Exhibition. This evolved into “The Passion Project for Adults” in the fall of 2012 and has continued in the 2012/13 school year. The project was nominated for and a finalist in the Albertson Foundation ID21 Awards for Educational Innovation in Idaho. Learn more: www.sonyaterborg.wix.com/thepassionproject

International Baccalaureate Organization

I am a PYP trainer and workshop leader for the IBO. I was nominated by the administration at Yokohama International School as an IBO Exceptional Teacher. I am the co-Editor of a PYP magazine for students that is currently in the development stage of production. Most recently, I was invited to The Hague to represent the Americas region in a three person team to develop tools and ideas for sharing PYP practice. I currently monitor submissions for the IBO PYP blog.

Khan Academy

I have been using the Khan Academy since 2009 with my third grade students in Yokohama and continue to use it today. It is heavily integrated into my math curriculum and allows for self-paced, student driven learning. I have appeared as part of a panel of educators on a local television station following a visit from Salman Khan, creator of Khan Academy, to Boise. I am now working with the Albertson Foundation and the Khan Academy on a pilot program to use Khan Academy in schools.

Technology Integration

I strongly believe in utilizing the technology available to us to further enhance learning - both my own and that of my students. I have worked with Apple Japan on a 1-to-1 MacBook initiative and initiated a BYOD program within my current school. I use Lego Education kits to bring a hands on approach to integrated math and science work. I am the Technology Coach at my current school and have led teachers through the process of setting up classroom blogs and the integration of technology in curriculum.

School Leadership

I have held a number of leadership positions in schools: PYP Art Coordinator at NIST, Bangkok, Grade 3-5 PYP Coordinator at Yokohama International School, Japan, Technology and Innovation Coach at Riverstone International School, USA. Within these roles, I have engaged in leading workshops, goal setting, teacher evaluations, project proposals, and curriculum integration and development.