

Guidesheet 12—Reality Check: Is the Project Still Feasible?

The questions below will help you decide whether you are ready to move forward. If you don't like the results, rethink your project until the answers change.

1. Need

Is the need for the project still generally agreed upon?

Is there a need that will keep each collaborator involved, given their interests and affiliations?

2. Number of Agendas

Is the project trying to meet too many agendas?

Are all participants still committed to the same agenda?

Will both the school and community see the project's importance?

3. Power

Have the collaborators been given the power to achieve the project?

Are there any turf battles or power struggles that you need to resolve?

4. Local Expertise and Leadership

Is the collaborator's energy level still high?

Is there additional local leadership or experience the project could use?

Have you decided what, if any, expertise you need from the outside?

Is there a plan for turnover in leadership?

5. Resources

Are there adequate financial resources to implement the project?

Will teachers be supported through stipends, substitutes or release time?

6. Timing

When will the project begin?

Have you re-checked calendars for other school or community activities scheduled that may conflict with this project?

Are there other activities scheduled that may drain the energy of key participants?