MANCHESTER WEST HIGH SCHOOL

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKING GROUP

Session 1
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We need professional development on student-centered learning techniques for the classroom that engage students... “Shadowing Report Debrief, May 7, 2014

SESSION 1 AGENDA
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3:00-5:00

EXPECTED OUTCOMES
By the end of the session we will have developed...
➔ norms
➔ objectives
➔ working plan
for our professional learning working group.

3:00 Welcome and Introductions
• Brief intros: Pretend It’s a Party
• Review of goals and agenda
• Transparent facilitation
• Norms: Working Norms for today: Add/delete/modify
  Norms Adopted by Shadowing Team 3/5/14 b
  ➔ Be open and honest
  ➔ Work together as a team
  ➔ Stay positive (behavior to check on during the session)
  ➔ Check-ins during the experience
  ➔ Offer support and empathy
  ➔ Practice active listening

3:30 Microlab
1. Why did you decide to become a teacher? What drew you into the profession?
2. Why do you stay? What matters to you in your work?
3. What would you most like to work on to deepen or improve the education you are providing to your students? What is the one thing you want to concentrate on most?

4:00 Planning the Work: Ideas from Arnie
• The 3-step learning cycle
• Structuring class time
• Cooperative learning & grouping strategies

4:40 Closing Activities
• Norms Review
• Journaling
• Driving & Restraining Forces
REFLECTIONS

Take a few minutes to think about your own work in today’s session.

Choose one of the categories below. Reflect on it and write your thoughts….

♦ Learnings … Did you learn something that is now “yours,” that will take away from this meeting?
♦ Markers for future work…Did you discover something you want to investigate or work on further?
♦ Surprises…What surprised you about your own work?
♦ Satisfactions…Were you pleased by something you did or learned today?
♦ Disappointments…Were you disappointed by anything you did or learned today?

Please share your thought with the group.
TODAY’S DATE: November 19, 2014

TODAY’S AGENDA:
1. Opening Activities
2. Microlab
3. Planning the Work
4. Closing Activities

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