

UCLA Lab School Creating Collegial Relationships for Social Justice

Part III: Broadening a Peer Coaching Model to Promote & Teach Social Justice in the Classroom

AGENDA

November 14, 2012; 9-2 pm at UCLA, Information Studies Building Room 228

Goals of the Day:

- 1. How to structure long-term coaching relationships
- 2. How to integrate technology into the peer coaching process
- 3. How to build new coaching relationships
- 4. Building a repertoire of data collection tools
- 5. Discussion/brainstorming of a plan for moving forward

Goals of the Project:

- Explore and implement ways to take charge of and structure our professional collaboration to improve instruction and create a space for reflection and dialogue on critical subject matter
- Translate our passion for *social justice* into *practice* in our elementary classrooms through the creation of a *peer inquiry group* that reflects our core values and our belief that young children are capable of and should be involved in confronting social justice issues
- Develop a system for collaboratively engaging in a process that leads to examining our instructional practice, managing the various expectations of stakeholders and institutional traditions, and analyzing student data to address curricula and pedagogy
- O Use *peer coaching*, including classroom observation and reflection, to support each other as we explore innovative ways to address concepts of social justice in our classrooms and community
- Consider how a peer coaching model could be expanded to other teaching teams within and beyond the UCLA Lab School

• (9:00-9:30) Overview and Structured Debriefing of the Coaching Work to Date

- 1. Review the Debrief of the First Coaching Cycle (Document, Oct. 30, 2011)
- 2. What has changed since that first coaching cycle a year ago?
- 3. Ranking activity (comfort level with coaching each other; comfort level with coaching peers at school site, comfort level with teaching social justice issues, comfort level in creating socially just classroom practices)

• (9:30-10:30) **Deepening Long-Term Coaching Relationships**

- Kee, K., Anderson, K., Dearing, V., Harris, E., & Shuster, F. (2010). Results coaching: The new essential for school leaders. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin; Chapter 5: Powerful Communication Skills.
- o Read a selected excerpt.
- How will you apply these principles as a coach to take your colleague to a deeper level?
- How will you apply these principles as a coachee, in order to make additional adjustments in your instruction?

10:30-10:40 BREAK

- (10:40-11:40) Classroom Observation Tools
 - o Observation Protocols
 - Knight, J. (2011). Unmistakable impact: A partnership approach for dramatically improving instruction. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin; Resource A: Impact Toolkit
 - Five Essential Components for Social Justice Education: What evidence exists in our classrooms
 - That our students are learning Social Justice principles, and
 - That our students are applying Social Justice principles and behaviors?
 - o Analysis of Student Work Protocols
- Classroom Observation Technology
 - o True North Logic
 - o My Learning Plan/evaluate
 - o eCove
 - o observe4success.com
 - o lookforapp.com
 - Your recommendations
- (11:40-12:15) Building New Coaching Relationships
 - Knight, J. (2011). Unmistakable impact: A partnership approach for dramatically improving instruction. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin; Chapter 4: Instructional Coaching
 - o Four "A"s Text Protocol
 - How do we work with our site colleagues to begin to enroll, identify, explain/mediate, model, observe, explore, and refine instruction, in relation to social justice teaching?
- 12:15-1:00 Lunch
- (1:00-1:50) Planning Our Next Steps to Move Forward
- (1:50-2:00) Closing and Evaluation

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