

## York School District One Teacher Forum

Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2019

### Opening

The York School District One Teacher Forum, along with other YSD1 employees, met on Monday, January 14th at 1:30pm in the YSD1 District Office Board room. Wendy Bartell set forth the focus of the day's work: using self-reflection to grow ourselves professionally.

### Teacher Forum Members Present

Courtney Baggett, Beverley Bowman, Betty Burrell, Colleen Cottom, Kelly Coxe, Clarissa Fowler, Jenny Hill, Breanna Jones, Debbie Lancaster, Zach Lemhouse, LaPonya McDougald, Shari Root, Elizabeth Roorda, Susan Spencer, Judy Suggs, Katherine Taylor, Leigh Ziegler

### Comments

Ms. Bartell read aloud from Chapter 4 of Teach, Reflect, Learn to share an example of movement across the *Continuum of Self-Reflection*.

The participants discussed characteristics of a reflective practitioner.

A truly reflective practitioner:

- reflects before a lesson, during the lesson, and after the lesson is over.
- is intentional in his/her actions.
- adjusts his/her lessons “on-the-fly.”

The participants divided into four groups to read chapters five through eight in Teach, Reflect, Learn. After the reading, groups created a “Sketchnote” chart to summarize the main points of the chapter. Each chapter explained a stage on the *Continuum of Self-Reflection*:

Unaware → Conscious → Action → Refinement  
Stage                      Stage                      Stage                      Stage

Participants spent time viewing the charts to become familiar with the concepts in each stage, then took a self-assessment (quiz located on pages 26-30) “to determine where they currently operate along the continuum” (pg. 30). Based on the stage, each participant set a personal goal for becoming more reflective and created an action plan for meeting that goal. Participants were also asked to complete exit slip questions on Edmodo.

Beverly Bowman stated that administrators and teacher leaders would work together to share this reflective mindset.

The meeting concluded at 3:40pm.

### Teacher Forum Business

Teacher Forum stayed to discuss the possibility/feasibility of adding early-release days to the 2019-2020 calendar. Superintendent Kelly Coxe stated teachers need time to collaborate, and administration is exploring the best way to work this time into the school calendar. Teachers shared ideas, questions and concerns. There are many factors to be considered in trying to implement early-release, and Tim Cooper welcomed thoughts and input via email.

Debbie Lancaster shared the Teacher Cadet Blue Jean Fundraiser raised \$3,440. This will provide three \$1,000 scholarships. Mrs. Lancaster hopes an additional scholarship can be provided with the remaining balance.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting for Teacher Forum members concluded at 4:15pm. The next meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. on February 11, 2019 in the YSD1 District Office Board Room.

Minutes submitted by: Susan Spencer