

Summer Seminar '09
Peer to Peer Team Preparation Procedure



Small Group Protocol

Focus: Breaking down the Inquiry into smaller units.

Unique Elements: Allows for greater participation of Responders, and more sub questions can be addressed.

Limitations: May not allow for the broadest perspective on Inquiry and/or sub questions

10 minutes **Introduction**

- Facilitator briefly introduces protocol goals, guidelines, and schedule.
- Participants briefly introduce themselves.
- Responders are separated into smaller groups

15 minutes **Presentation by Inquiry Team**

- Responders are silent.
- Context (what the students tend to be like, where they are in school, where they are in the year)
- Overall Inquiry question, and support questions, is offered.

10 minutes **Clarifying Questions**

- Responders ask clarifying questions to fill in any gaps of information, such as background info on the partnership or definitions of any terms that are not clear.

20 minutes **Small Group Discussions (Version 1- All groups discuss the same sub questions)**

- In their small groups, the Responders reflect on the specific question.
- They share each
- This segment is repeated within the time frame, requiring specific timekeeping by the Facilitator.

OR

20 minutes **Small Group Discussions (Version 2 - Each group discusses a different sub question)**

- In their small groups, the Responders reflect on only one specific question.
- They share each their thoughts to the large group at the end of this segment.
- OPTIONAL: if small groups have answers to any of the sub questions they did NOT discuss and share with the large group, they may write their answers on a post-it note, which they then post on a chart paper designated for that specific question.

10 minutes **Reflection & Discussion**

- Inquiry Team speaks to whichever comments/questions they choose to, while responders are silent. This is NOT a time to defend oneself, but a time to explore further interesting ideas that have come out of the feedback section.
- At any point, the presenters have the option to open the conversation to the entire group.

5 minutes **Debrief**

- Facilitator-led open discussion of this tuning experience.