

Summary on Missed Class

September 26, 2022

Discussion on Upcoming Assignments:

You discussed about the project proposal, implementation, and the due dates. Thank you for the clarity on the feedback of the proposals. Thank you for clarifying that due dates and that the implementation can be flexible on the dates. Thank you for clarifying GRREC's role in the implementation of the Project.

Discussion Board #6:

I thought it was neat how the professor highlighted comments from the discussion board. Many times, I feel like the discussion boards feels like a "to do" list that we will never go back to again. By highlighting "student work," I think it gives credibility to the student and their thoughtful input. It "proves" that the time that I put into the discussion boards is valued. I would encourage other professors to follow suit!

Science Teacher Leader Profile

Next, we looked at the Science Teacher Leader Profile found within the article we are reading. Each section was defined and elaborated on. New term for this class is Teacher Agency. After discussing the 4 components, we broke out into the breakout rooms to answer 3 questions.

Teacher Agency = the capacity of teachers to act purposefully and constructively to direct their professional growth and contribute to the growth of our colleagues.

Breakout Rooms

1. How are the 4 components done now in your teaching context? When collaborating with other teachers, we combine resources, share resources, or help find resources for each other. I am always reflecting on my teaching. What should I have done differently? Did I give the students too much information? I'm also always open to ways to improve.
2. What are the opportunities for improvement? The math department started a Google Drive for teachers to list any resources they use in the classroom. We list any resources that we use in our classroom. We want to encourage all departments to use this strategy. That way, new teachers are supported with curriculum resources and students have an established curriculum they will learn about no matter who is filling in as the teacher. I believe this is super important in the current teacher shortage. I see the teacher shortage is starting to hit our area and will only get worse.
3. What role do you/can you/will you play? I feel that my role is to connect the younger teachers with support from all areas to increase retainment of quality professionals. Emotional – it's a shock when you first encounter students who do not want to learn or parents who blame you for the problems, Social – how to build a classroom/school culture that will aid classroom management while keeping your sanity, Policies/Procedures – how to be successful in light of constant requirements that administration places on us and Resources – what to teach and when for effective instruction (I emphasize that this is MY understanding and that there are so many resources and good directions to go. I encourage professionals to make it their own after they feel comfortable with the basics!)