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National Facilitators Meeting Workgroup:

- What is the purpose of National Facilitator Meeting?
  - What is non-purpose?
- Do we run strands around “centers development” and “National Organization” through every meeting?
- How can the three National Meetings meet the needs of constituents?
- What are the needs of the NSRF constituency?
  - Survey?

Valuing the Norms – having the tough conversations in a supportive environment

- Challenged and supported
- I hope to engage in a discourse with my colleagues around the work that we do – honest conversations
- Unheard voices get to be heard
- If tensions arise – having a system set up to deal with them in a “safe”, non-confrontational atmosphere
- Wasted time and resource (\$)
- Fears – same old stuff rehashed
- I will have hard conversations that feel like learning opportunities rather than attacks

Centers of Activity

- I want to see what other centers of activity are doing – what is their focus?
- Leave with a greater awareness of what’s happening nationally/internationally across multiple contexts
- Listen to and take on the challenges and questions faced by National Facilitators and Centers
- I want to feel energized and inspired when I return to my center of activity to carry on the work.
- Hope to spend time working (thinking – sharing ideas) with other Center leaders – about expanding as a center
- Share best thinking and collective wisdom of centers of activity
- Come back with a sense of the work of National Facilitators and Centers
- I learned about new work and opportunities going on from other centers

Community and Identity

- My sense of membership/affiliation will increase
- Meet old friends and share practices
- An understanding of what contributions I can make to the work (My center, National Work, Research)

- I will feel less isolated and more connected to others who are doing the same work
- Sense of belonging to a group
- Connections to others doing the work
- Feel connected to the community and dialogue of National Facilitators
- Build sense of community
- I'd like to leave knowing that we are coming together as a group, instead of seeing factions widen

#### Research and Documentation

- Opportunity to document our individual and collective work
- Review research trends
- Accountability to the work and do the organization
- An opportunity to collect data about how NSRF work supports students as learners (How do we know our work works?)

#### Improving/Development of Skills

- Amplified understandings (protocols, tools, dispositions)
- I will leave a better person professionally as well as personally because of the wonderful experience I had
- I will leave feeling energized, hopeful and excited for the future of NSRF, our center and our work in general
- New skills of facilitation (new protocols, new ways of presenting, new ways of thinking)
- Expand my repertoire of processes (tools)
- Feedback on my practice
- Ways to think differently about agendas/format for CFG work
- Energized
- Bring back the new tools and learning from "the work" and "the field"
- I gained tools and insights I can apply to my work
- Build facilitation skills
- Expand my understandings and deepen my skills as a facilitator
- Would like to learn and practice some new tool, etc.
- Grow my learning
- New ways of thinking about our work
- I'd like to learn new protocols, read new articles, have exciting conversations with talented professionals that I respect
- I want to come away with new ideas, tools I learned from sharing experiences with other participants that doing similar work

#### Marketing

- Share leads and build alliances

#### Connections to National Work and Whole Organization

- A chance to have voice in the future
- Having our goals clearly defined in each session
- Reconnected with big national picture/issues
- National Center received guidance and direction on projects/goals
- Updates on work/progress of National Centers
- Clear definition of who NSRF National Facilitators are
- Recommit to – mission, organization, colleagues – renewed commitment, practice, consider, reflect on, what it mean to lead for equity

#### Reflecting on Practice with Other Voices

- Opportunity to work with different people with different perspectives/experiences
- A chance to reflect on my practice with folks I don't usually get to work with
- Making "good" connections – professionally, personally – meeting people you can learn from
- Think with others about my own and our collective work promoting student and teacher learning

#### Preparation for Upcoming Trainings

- Prepared for summer seminars
- A chance to reflect on/TUNE – New coaches' seminar agendas
- New learnings in building community – Facilitative leadership, etc.