

Winter Meeting

Cambridge, Massachusetts
January 13th - 15th, 2005

Winter Meeting - Then & Now

In December 1995, the National School Reform Faculty convened its first Winter Meeting in Chicago, and what began as a small gathering for those early cohorts of newly trained CFG Coaches has become an annual source of renewal for hundreds, providing time to think and inquire, and space for courageous work to take root.

We know that sustained, focused conversations with one another are among the most essential elements of the work we do. So join us in Cambridge, Massachusetts to do the work you most need to do, with the people whose wisdom, perspective, and skill you most need. Reconnect with colleagues from your CFG Coaches Institute, from your Facilitative Leaders Seminar, or from past Winter Meetings. Meet the colleagues from around the country you don't yet know you have.

We will work in the ways our CFGs do, and for two and a half days, we'll use the tools and processes of our CFGs to deepen our skills, to press for insights, and to find courage in community. We'll spend time in small groups, looking at student work, asking tough questions, and taking the time we need to do the work we need to do most. Coaches Clinics will provide opportunities to learn from one another as we share what we know and what we still wonder.

Critical Friends Groups - Then & Now

In September 1995, members of the first 90 Critical Friends Groups brought their chairs around a table and began work that changed their professional lives.

Today, more than 10,000 educators in schools across the country come together in CFGs with a shared commitment to improve student achievement. We hold each other accountable for continuously adapting our practice to meet the needs of all learners, we share resources and ideas, and we support each other in implementing new practices. Whether we call ourselves Critical Friends, Facilitative Leaders, or members of a Professional Learning Community, the commitments we hold are the same:

- to be reflective
- to make our practice public to one another
- to frame meaningful questions and ask for substantive feedback from our colleagues
- to hold each other accountable for meeting the needs of students who struggle most
- to ask the kinds of questions that provoke and challenge both our assumptions and our habits
- to believe that together we are even more capable of knowing what we need to know and learning what we need to do than we are alone

Logistics

When

January 13th-15th, 2005
Begins 8am Thursday, ends
12:30pm Saturday

Where

All sessions will be held at the
Hyatt Regency Cambridge
575 Memorial Drive
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Cost

Standard- \$350
Coaches Clinic Presenters:
One session- \$325
Two sessions- \$300

Meals

Breakfast will be provided.
Lunch and dinner are on your
own. A reception with light
hors d'oeuvres will be held
Thursday night at the Hyatt.

Lodging

Hyatt Regency Cambridge
575 Memorial Drive
Cambridge, Massachusetts
Phone - 617.492.1234
www.cambridge.hyatt.com
Group rate - \$99/night
single/double. Rate expires
on December 11th, 2004

Registration Deadline

Please register by
December 11th, 2004

Register online at

www.nsrffharmony.org/
wintermeeting.html

Questions?

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