Longfellow Slice
Information Sheet

Purpose
To learn about our students, their abilities and their learning experiences and our instructional practices at school to help inform our teaching as a whole staff.

Date:
Present plan for Slice to School Committee

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Present plan for Slice to whole faculty.

Date:
Individual teachers identify 3 students per class to participate in the Slice.

Date:
Individual teachers confirm students participation and obtain: envelopes for collection; teacher description of activities sheet; student journal to describe activities undertaken.

Date:
All homework and during the day student work of three selected students collected by each teacher at the end of the day. Each teacher is asked to copy student work and white out student names.

Date:
All envelopes submitted to Slice facilitator. Each teacher’s envelope will contain:
- work of three students including all classes i.e. special area classes and other experiences outside of the classroom
- individual student descriptions of the day’s activities
- teacher’s description of student homework and activities if the day.

Date:
Facilitator will copy all student work and return original work to staff.

Date:
Staff participates in Slice by looking for student evidence to answer questions they generate. Grade level meetings will take place during the school day followed by an all staff meeting.

This protocol was originally written in the 1990s/2000s. We encourage you to purchase an NSRF membership to access newer materials and to enroll in CFG Coaches’ Training to access all of the updated materials and to develop a more thorough, experiential understanding. Protocols are most powerful and effective when used within an ongoing professional learning community such as a Critical Friends Group® and facilitated by a skilled coach. To learn more about professional learning communities and seminars for new or experienced coaches, please visit the National School Reform Faculty website at www.nsrfharmony.org.