

Post-Conference Chat—Leah Franco (Coaching)
Linda Cross (Teacher)
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Leah H. Franco: Linda, how do you think your lesson went?

Linda Cross: I think overall the lesson is going well. They did their videos today and will edit tomorrow-- but they have practiced on each other already so they will do OK

Leah H. Franco: How about the editing process...this is what I felt might be the most difficult....

Linda Cross: When they practiced their editing of the practice videos, one group practically had their's done in 15 min. It is all so easy with iMovie and they love it.

Linda Cross: The people that they interviewed gave very short answer questions but I think it will turn out OK.

Leah H. Franco: Great!!!

Leah H. Franco: One of your goals for this lesson was to make sure the lesson instructions transcended from you to the teacher and that the teacher was more active....did you accomplish this?

Linda Cross: Yes, mostly. For one thing the whole lesson ideas was hers to begin with so she took ownership from the beginning. I did go over with them during videos but they didn't need me.

Leah H. Franco: Great...so we can say that you accomplished that goal!!!

Linda Cross: Yes, I did much better this time of stepping out of the picture and giving the teacher full reign.

Leah H. Franco: What area did you feel the most "useful" in this lesson cycle?

Linda Cross: The most useful thing was that the students learned how to work with all of the camera equipment and were actually able to come up with "new" information for their Christmas unit.

Leah H. Franco: Do you think the students understood the connection between technology and their core subject?

Linda Cross: Definitely because we talked about communicating for an audience, and actually I think they plan to use these videos from year to year in a kind of kiosk for the early arrivers at the Golden Age Christmas party.

Leah H. Franco: Neat!!!

Linda Cross: One thing we need to work on before next year is getting some mikes.

Leah H. Franco: How do you think the overall collaboration between you and the teacher went?

Linda Cross: This teacher was wonderful to work with. I have worked with her in the library for several years as she brings her classes each week. She is a top-notch, experienced lady.

Leah H. Franco: Do you think that she understood and will be able to develop ways to implement technology into her curriculum (not just research/report type)?

Linda Cross: Yes, she was very excited when I sent out the email asking for volunteers to work with me on a project that might involve video.

Leah H. Franco: Do you think she will be able to go on from here?

Linda Cross: Yes, I think she could handle this whole project now with just a litte help on the editing software.

Leah H. Franco: So now you would be able to step into the role of guide....

Linda Cross: Yes, something I should have worked toward sooner to simplify my life!

Leah H. Franco: Isn't that a great feeling??

Leah H. Franco: You are "arriving"!!

Leah H. Franco: (or maybe we should say your faculty/coworkers are "arriving"...

Linda Cross: It is really smarter to do something that will free you up to help more people. Yes, I am getting there.

Linda Cross: Thanks for your help!

Leah H. Franco: Do you feel that the two of you planned a lesson that would assist and encompass all types of learners?

Linda Cross: The project that we did was definitely geared toward advanced learners, but I think it could be done with a smaller group in a regular classroom.

Leah H. Franco: Last but not least....did the kids have fun??? and learn something??? (I bet I know the answer to this...just wanted to document it....)

Linda Cross: They were very motivated--especially with the cameras and the new eMacs and the editing software.

Leah H. Franco: I think you did an excellent job and most importantly, you made the transfer from you to the teacher beautifully....

Linda Cross: Thanks,