

Post Conference July 14, 2005

Mentor: Patti Flanary

Coach: Charmaine Bentley

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Charmaine Bentley[10:05:28 AM]: Don

Patti Flanary[10:05:29 AM]: Hi!

Charmaine Bentley[10:05:34 AM]: Hi

Charmaine Bentley[10:05:53 AM]: Don't know what "Catch up" is but I enabled it

Charmaine Bentley[10:06:12 AM]: This is our post conference ... correct?

Patti Flanary[10:06:20 AM]: OK, I did too! All we have to do is click on Save transcript, right?

Patti Flanary[10:06:31 AM]: Yes. How about I go first.

Charmaine Bentley[10:06:38 AM]: Good

Patti Flanary[10:06:55 AM]: I enjoyed your video. You did such a great job with the HOTS that you wanted me to watch for.

Patti Flanary[10:07:09 AM]: How do you feel the meeting went with your mentee?

Charmaine Bentley[10:07:24 AM]: I think that HOTS are very important ...

Charmaine Bentley[10:07:51 AM]: Very well, in the past ... she has said our students were not at sufficient level for HOTS ...

Patti Flanary[10:08:09 AM]: yes, and you lesson naturally led towards those type thinking skills.

Patti Flanary[10:08:10 AM]: I would think the lesson would help with that.

Charmaine Bentley[10:08:33 AM]: ... she, like many, tends to focus on tech for tech's sake, ...

Patti Flanary[10:08:47 AM]: Do you feel that this will change her view?

Charmaine Bentley[10:08:57 AM]: you can see that at the beginning of the conference ...

Patti Flanary[10:09:17 AM]: but the end had a different feel

Charmaine Bentley[10:09:33 AM]: I think that if we are successful with this lesson ... she will look good, the teacher targeted will look good, and ...

Charmaine Bentley[10:09:53 AM]: she and the teacher will be more willing to embrace HOTS and tech as a tool

Patti Flanary[10:09:59 AM]: What do you think helped her change this attitude. What did you do to help?

Charmaine Bentley[10:10:20 AM]: ... as a post said ... One teacher at a time...

Patti Flanary[10:10:51 AM]: I like the one that said teacher was expert and we were the support!!!!

Charmaine Bentley[10:10:53 AM]: 1. I explained that the purpose of the lesson was not technology but TEKS ...

Patti Flanary[10:11:02 AM]: good job

Charmaine Bentley[10:11:24 AM]: ... she jumped to TAKS ... which is what she feels is her forte ...

Patti Flanary[10:11:26 AM]: Got her thinking off the tech and on goals.

Charmaine Bentley[10:12:07 AM]: 2. as we focused on the TEKS .. it was easy (and natural) to go to the HOTS ...

Charmaine Bentley[10:12:54 AM]: ... she came around to (and actually suggested herself) ... general concepts and ideas that had been earlier not accepted ...

Patti Flanary[10:13:05 AM]: cool

Charmaine Bentley[10:13:22 AM]: ... I also promised to help her develop more lessons ...

Charmaine Bentley[10:13:29 AM]: BUT ...

Patti Flanary[10:13:32 AM]: Will you use this same lesson with a different teacher?

Patti Flanary[10:13:53 AM]: but? That shows how happy she was to have a lesson to do.

Charmaine Bentley[10:14:23 AM]: the most important part ... is that she could see how this could be used with other teachers ... she is a TEACHER ... first and foremost.

Charmaine Bentley[10:14:44 AM]: We will be working with a third educator when school starts ...

Patti Flanary[10:14:47 AM]: wonderful

Charmaine Bentley[10:15:07 AM]: ... she had earlier rejected a similar plan because

Patti Flanary[10:15:09 AM]: If you did this same introduction again like this, would you change anything?

Patti Flanary[10:15:23 AM]: because?

Charmaine Bentley[10:15:25 AM]: it was TOO much work ...

Patti Flanary[10:15:41 AM]: Now she sees it is not! Great!

Charmaine Bentley[10:15:58 AM]: ... the lesson Graham and I developed had as one of its goals ... to cut down on teacher grading ...

Charmaine Bentley[10:16:09 AM]: ... she should see ...

Patti Flanary[10:16:27 AM]: Do you feel the lesson plan will help accomplish the cutting down on teacher grading?

Charmaine Bentley[10:16:41 AM]: ... with her buy in, we have English dept.

Patti Flanary[10:16:59 AM]: YES! You made great gains. I am so happy for you.

Charmaine Bentley[10:17:07 AM]: ... yes ... Electronic checklist ... checklist from Graham, electronic from me ..

Patti Flanary[10:17:23 AM]: [10:15:09 AM]: If you did this same introduction again like this, would you change anything?

Charmaine Bentley[10:17:38 AM]: Introduction? lesson?

Patti Flanary[10:18:12 AM]: This introduction to a lesson for ya'll to do? Whatever you want to call this meeting with the teacher.

Charmaine Bentley[10:18:34 AM]: There are always points to improve ...

Patti Flanary[10:18:43 AM]: Would you change something you did with your mentee?

Charmaine Bentley[10:19:12 AM]: ... I don't think it could have been done any other way given our roles, personalities, and prior experiences.

Patti Flanary[10:19:47 AM]: You started with something on the laptop. What was it? I could not really tell but it seemed to get her attention right off the bat!

Charmaine Bentley[10:20:31 AM]: I was showing her what we were doing in this class ...

Patti Flanary[10:20:57 AM]: So that helped to get her to understand. Good thinking.

Charmaine Bentley[10:21:24 AM]: ... it is essential to treat my colleagues as equals ...

Patti Flanary[10:21:25 AM]: Overall, how do you feel the meeting went?

Charmaine Bentley[10:22:00 AM]: ... It went well ...

Patti Flanary[10:22:23 AM]: Did you have to address any AT for the class you have in mind using this with?

Charmaine Bentley[10:22:39 AM]: ... part of the success of this or any project is that Graham is fundamentally interested in the good of the students.

Patti Flanary[10:23:12 AM]: I could tell she is a wonderful teacher. What is her role again?

Charmaine Bentley[10:23:19 AM]: We discussed scaffolding and just-in-time instruction needed for students ...

Patti Flanary[10:23:29 AM]: Yes, I remember!

Charmaine Bentley[10:23:32 AM]: Graham is media specialist ...

Patti Flanary[10:24:04 AM]: If it is like our school, get her and yes...you do have the whole English department! Way to go!

Charmaine Bentley[10:24:32 AM]: We don't have any students req AT except for ESOL and LD and their needs through instruction.

Charmaine Bentley[10:25:04 AM]: ... actually the district Language Arts dept (secondary) ...

Patti Flanary[10:25:06 AM]: So, you felt the lesson went well. The teacher ending up taking control and even wanting more. You did a great job with you mentoring skills to accomplish all of this. Looks like you are on a roll!

Patti Flanary[10:25:27 AM]: Can you think of anything else?

Charmaine Bentley[10:25:31 AM]: Hope so ..

Charmaine Bentley[10:25:43 AM]: We'll know in Aug.

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Charmaine Bentley[10:25:55 AM]: Ready to go?

Patti Flanary[10:26:10 AM]: OK, so we are starting mine now!

Patti Flanary[10:26:15 AM]: Ready!

Patti Flanary[10:26:40 AM]: I wanted you to look for TEKS. I was so happy when you saw the teacher taking ownership.

Charmaine Bentley[10:26:41 AM]: How do you think your meeting with your mentee went?

Patti Flanary[10:27:18 AM]: I think it went well, she is excited about trying out the unit.

Charmaine Bentley[10:27:34 AM]: The young lady is obviously a dedicated teacher ...

Patti Flanary[10:27:48 AM]: OH yes! She loves her job.

Charmaine Bentley[10:28:09 AM]: I was impressed at how with every one of your suggestions ... she provided how it could be used with HOTS

Charmaine Bentley[10:28:39 AM]: ... was this a conscious strategy?

Patti Flanary[10:29:47 AM]: That is a natural for her. She taught K and is now moving to 2nd for a year. It is going to be so great to see her with 2nd. She always got to end of year with K and said she did not know what else to teach them. She is only going to be in 2nd for a year and then move back to K. This will give her a whole new level of thinking to work with K on.

Patti Flanary[10:30:15 AM]: I tried to stress things that would lead to HOTS, but again ... that is her.

Charmaine Bentley[10:30:38 AM]: ... is this a deliberate (moving her to 2nd) strategy?

Patti Flanary[10:30:48 AM]: If you have an excellent mentee, the mentors job is easy. I said I might try a challenge next time.

Patti Flanary[10:31:13 AM]: No, we need more teacher at 2nd next year and she volunteered, but she is going to gain so much from the move.

Charmaine Bentley[10:31:26 AM]: ... shows how important it is to have at least two dedicated individuals for the relationship to work.

Charmaine Bentley[10:31:39 AM]: ... mentor/mentee.

Charmaine Bentley[10:32:06 AM]: What do you think worked particularly well?

Patti Flanary[10:32:48 AM]: I think that me having her focus on the assessments was good. She has not had to think about assessment in the form she will have to in second.

Patti Flanary[10:33:05 AM]: potty break for child...hang on

Patti Flanary[10:33:57 AM]: I am back

Charmaine Bentley[10:34:11 AM]: ... that was quick.

Patti Flanary[10:34:50 AM]: She was done...just needed my help for the finish. So fun to have a child! My older girls would let her sit forever before going.

Patti Flanary[10:34:58 AM]: So, back to work.

Charmaine Bentley[10:35:54 AM]: What would you have done differently?

Patti Flanary[10:35:59 AM]: I also like that we discussed modifications for each activity, although she does this naturally also.

Patti Flanary[10:36:19 AM]: Shut up more. I talk too much and type too much also.

Charmaine Bentley[10:36:58 AM]: ... at times, I think that can be said for all of us ...

Patti Flanary[10:37:12 AM]: I think that I can give more wait time so a teacher can think. I added that to my goals. It was fine with this teacher because she is so quick to think, but others would need more time.

Patti Flanary[10:37:38 AM]: Not everyone can think that fast.

Charmaine Bentley[10:37:38 AM]: but your mentee had no problems speaking up.

Patti Flanary[10:37:50 AM]: That is her style.

Charmaine Bentley[10:38:08 AM]: ... is she a leader?

Charmaine Bentley[10:39:24 AM]: ... in her school ... do other teachers follow her lead?

Patti Flanary[10:40:04 AM]: Yes, always. She calls herself the greatest teacher. I always tease her about it. One time I said something about she thinks.... She later came to me and told me in private that seriously if I ever saw something she did not do better than anyone else, she wanted

me to tell her so she could change and always be the best. She is serious. I thought it was a joke.

Charmaine Bentley[10:40:58 AM]: good ... true modesty come with experience .. this I know ...

Charmaine Bentley[10:41:36 AM]: ... sound like wer share much in common ... possibly why you have been such a good coach...

Patti Flanary[10:42:05 AM]: At first they resisted! Some of the group had been there many years and did not appreciate the new person with so many ideas. The ended up messing after about 2 years. Now, they all appreciate her for the good and accept her for the parts they really don't like but still respect. They work great together. Now, she is going to have to win over a whole new group. The group seems excited to have her join them, and they know what she is like.

Charmaine Bentley[10:42:57 AM]: ... sounds like my junior ego ...

Charmaine Bentley[10:43:35 AM]: AT? Will any of the students you discussed in other areas be involved in this lesson?

Patti Flanary[10:45:17 AM]: We pretended on the written lesson that we would have the FM transmitter. We really will not have that student. She will have non-english ESL. We added that to each project. She has been working with this student during summer school, so she will know him.

Charmaine Bentley[10:46:23 AM]: working with this student during summer ... is this a formal program? Y'all seem to have a lot of interaction during the summer (school folks).

Patti Flanary[10:47:02 AM]: Yes, it is the ESL summer school. We are a very small town. I have kids same age as many of the teachers' kids. Etc.

Charmaine Bentley[10:47:15 AM]: How did you feel about the lesson?

Charmaine Bentley[10:47:37 AM]: do .. you feel ...

Patti Flanary[10:47:53 AM]: I think it was great with this mentee. I think I would have to handle very different with a different mentee. I can't wait to really do the lesson.

Patti Flanary[10:48:41 AM]: I am still looking for more research to show TAKS improvment with these types of projects.

Charmaine Bentley[10:48:43 AM]: Your mentee seems to be looking forward to it.

Patti Flanary[10:49:02 AM]: She is. I also have another teacher who has seen it and is ready to go with the unit too!

Patti Flanary[10:49:28 AM]: I have some hard-core people who need proof!

Charmaine Bentley[10:49:35 AM]: There isn't really any ... those interested in TAKS seemed focused on drill/skill ..

Charmaine Bentley[10:50:12 AM]: I know ... I have been collecting data for computer science ...

Patti Flanary[10:50:26 AM]: wow

Charmaine Bentley[10:50:52 AM]: My dean and the ass't principal and I were talking about how it would make a good topic for a dissertation.

Charmaine Bentley[10:51:01 AM]: we will cut this section....

Patti Flanary[10:51:06 AM]: go for it

Charmaine Bentley[10:51:35 AM]: The research needs to be done ...

Patti Flanary[10:51:47 AM]: Thanks, you are so easy to talk to. I feel like I have had all the support I needed with you as a coach.

Charmaine Bentley[10:51:55 AM]: Do you think this lesson is adaptable ...

Patti Flanary[10:52:17 AM]: Oh, yes. I can follow the same steps with any theme.

Charmaine Bentley[10:52:21 AM]: to other topics/subjects/grades?

Patti Flanary[10:52:45 AM]: Next time might add some math in. It is always a little harder for me to integrate.

Charmaine Bentley[10:53:07 AM]: ... you had the venn diagrams ... the math is already there ... set theory...

Patti Flanary[10:53:12 AM]: I always try to do at least one or 2 projects with Math focus just because I am aware of this being harder for me.

Patti Flanary[10:53:23 AM]: Not the way I think of elem. math.

Charmaine Bentley[10:53:51 AM]: ... but it is still math ... in the manner kids need to understand it.

Patti Flanary[10:54:14 AM]: You are right however, upper HOTS thinking and I am knowledge thinking!

Patti Flanary[10:54:30 AM]: We done?

Charmaine Bentley[10:54:38 AM]: Except for logistics...

Patti Flanary[10:54:58 AM]: YEA! Kaylee is wanting attention.

Patti Flanary[10:55:17 AM]: Going to have to stop work and focus on her for a while.....

Charmaine Bentley[10:55:24 AM]: How do we combine ... create a web page with links to this discussion, compilation of emails and video?

Patti Flanary[10:56:09 AM]: I think we just attach this as post. I may copy some emails and use them where down lower on page it said something about additional...

Patti Flanary[10:56:34 AM]: I think just our pre and post will do. The added video is a plus, I think!

Patti Flanary[10:57:24 AM]: If I copy some emails, I will just put into PDF and link. Not going to do extra web page. If I do, I will email you the PDF. I will not get around to it until later and I know you have other things to do.

Charmaine Bentley[10:57:41 AM]: OK ... Would you mind sharing email compilation ...

Patti Flanary[10:57:51 AM]: Will do!.

Patti Flanary[10:58:02 AM]: It will be an hour or so.

Charmaine Bentley[10:58:11 AM]: ... OK, keep in touch with messages ...