

## VT Coaches Web Meeting, October 13, 2011

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*[Presenter Carol Duley asked for examples of recent professional development experiences, what made them effective or what limited their effectiveness.]*

October 13, 2011 3:28:44 PM from Karen Laba  
to Everyone: One school I worked with spoke very highly about Mahesh Sharma whom they hired to help with their math scores.

October 13, 2011 3:29:39 PM from Karen Laba  
to Everyone: Many questions about how "effective" it was, though, since it was short lived (he's expensive!)

October 13, 2011 3:30:54 PM from jeanne bonin : NWP and VMI PD -  
embedded/integrated study with classroom practice and occurred over time.

October 13, 2011 3:30:59 PM from Martha Potter  
to Everyone: We are currently working with Dr. Hart. We have worked with Dr. Hart for the past 1.5 years. Our teams have continued the work of the Vertical Teams--Assessment, Data, Behavior, Climate, Education, and Facilitation. We also have continued our horizontal grade level work. Currently, we have just completed testing for the AIMS WEB testing and trained teacher's on this process. This week and next week we are doing NECAP assessment. The horizontal teams are doing the work of Marzano on Instructional Strategies. We also have a group that is training in Social Thinking that is a great need of our group. There are two additional teams that do planning for the entire school. One is advisory and one works on specific concerns of the building. Dr. Hart is preparing the three 1/2 trainings for the Power of Our Words work that our paras and teachers are doing together.

October 13, 2011 3:31:46 PM from Herb Perez  
to Everyone: Our professional learning communities are quite effective at the BSD. It's early in its development, but the teachers are collaborating on units and individual lessons, as well as designing common assessments.

October 13, 2011 3:31:49 PM from janna Osman : One school had effective leadership to become a literacy leader in her school. Teachers developed common language for literacy (Time for Teachers course). AIMSWEB Data was used to make decisions about practice.

October 13, 2011 3:33:19 PM from jeanne bonin  
to Everyone: NWP and VMI PD - embedded/integrated study with classroom practice and occurred over time.

*[Rob Blis of Rutland offered this site for video of on of their initiatives.]*

October 13, 2011 3:33:52 PM from Rob Blis  
to Everyone: <http://rhs.rutlandcitypublicschools.org/2011/10/11/student-selfmonitoring/>

October 13, 2011 3:36:17 PM from Jen Miller-Arsenault  
to Everyone: Washington Central has had the opportunity to work with Marge Lipson in a PreK-8 literacy initiative for 3 years. We have stayed focused and have built courses based on teachers' self-reports about their practice and Marge's observations and teacher interviews. This summer we offered another course and added a lab school component with students. It was successful beyond our wildest dreams!

October 13, 2011 3:36:50 PM from Karen Laba  
to Everyone: What? You mean we can't do PD on the flavor of the day? Hire my favorite presenter? Why not?

***[Presenter Carol Duley posed the question, what is the coach's role in ensuring professional development is effective?]***

October 13, 2011 3:53:05 PM from jeanne bonin  
to Everyone: We can be a sounding board to teachers, helping them to practice new learning in the context of their classrooms.

October 13, 2011 3:54:01 PM from Herb Perez  
to Everyone: Teachers need to have a direction regarding best practices. They're creative and want to have freedom to teach their classes as they wish, but we need to help them figure out a way to measure how effective they are.

October 13, 2011 3:54:31 PM from Karen Laba  
to Everyone: BRAVO to Herb's comment! Hear, Hear!!

October 13, 2011 3:56:38 PM  
to Otho Thompson (privately): Have you seen John Hattie's Visible Learning? What a valuable resource esp vis a vis feedback.

October 13, 2011 3:57:29 PM from Karen Laba  
to Everyone: I will save the comments in the CHAT window and post those with the link to the recording.

October 13, 2011 3:59:21 PM from Karen Laba  
to Everyone: North Country is "learning together" -- hurray! Not just sending a solo participant but groups with administrators. Great!

October 13, 2011 4:09:36 PM from Lisa Lovelette  
to Everyone: Great Resource!!