

Notes from January 13th Community Conversation Hosted by Candace Terrell

Miscellaneous Notes:

At the beginning of the conversation Jeff had small groups draw memorable moments from when they were in school.

Technology – Applied to future

Hands-on learning

School is anchor

Family Challenge

High School – Art, band, gym, counseling people, keep in contact for 20 years, math, biology, teachers

Football team

Public building → Private building

Lakota East Lakota West
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Third grade teacher helped me build skills to succeed – Third grade

Teacher – Connect, calling home, good, mentor, aide Lakota

Daughter – Bullying at bus stop

Helped son with reading skills

Positive little moments

As teachers/students touch hands

Lots of teacher movement this year – Hard on everyone

Teachers move you out of your comfort zone

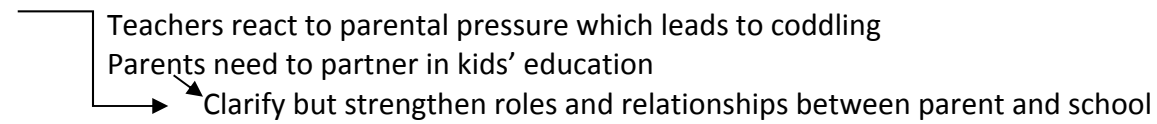
Lifelong teachers

Notes:

No coddling

Kids do lose and need to deal with it
Kids aren't all the same
It's OK to get hard message
But build on strengths
Teachers recognize and find strengths

Individualization of Education



Religion and fundamental values are important

Cross-functional education

Math students need to be able to write and think history/culture/values
It's not all technical skills
Critical thinking is key
Liberal arts are important

Education experiences

Balanced education
Diversity
Community of student body
Out of classroom
Friendships/relationships

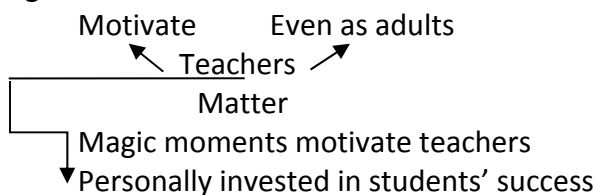
School wasn't a drag

Open comfort confidence { It's an anchor to build life around
It's family

School can be

Cliques which demotivates
Inhibits learning
Very different experiences
Not one size fits all
We want more positive experiences
Teachers lead out of comfort zone
Opens relationship between school and family

Magic moments

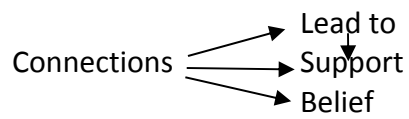


We remember teachers' phone calls home
Different teachers – Different motivations
Unhappy teachers don't teach well
Resources lend to these opportunities

Kids know
body language

Teachers happy
Whole child
Family

Community



Achievement

Information and communication

Meaning

Connection is failing now in school because unions protect teachers

Money is not connection

Job protection keeps teachers from connecting to community

Unrealistic

Us vs. Them

“No Krogers” to keep kids safe

Gotta know stuff and be able to think

Safety is important

No busing is unsafe

Motivated teachers

Learn how to study

Teachers should challenge kids

Student work ethic

Don't coddle

Make sure they know basics

Rigor

Experiences +