

Peer Observation Program

End-of-Year Report 2015

Patricia Kinsella

May 21, 2015

1. Program design as strategy
2. Success in meeting goals
3. Additional positives
4. Plans for next year

Program design as strategy

PARAMETERS FOR DECISION-MAKING

voluntary	↔	compulsory
grade-level, job-alike	↔	multi-grade, cross-role
novices, veterans separate	↔	novices, veterans together
building-based	↔	across buildings
participants choose topic	↔	administrators choose topic

Success in meeting goals

1. Professional culture
2. Sharing one's practice
3. Technical skills with feedback

Additional Gains

1. Improved professional practice
2. Solid, positive base from which to expand program next year

Action steps for next year

- Promote next year's program this spring
- Focus on quality *and* expansion
- Start program early in year
- Increase amount of up-front PD
- Differentiate support and structure among groups
- Create multiple points of entry to program
- Increase documentation of changes in practice and impact on students