

- Trends: Communication needs to improve between teachers, parents, and students. Between areas of concern, expectations, goals, explanation of the work demanded. Both want differentiation in instruction.
- The problem could be that we are not emphasizing the objective, they may be on the board, but they are not explained. Rubric is given but not looked at as a class. Rubrics sometimes are open to interpretation and kids don't always understand what is expected to pass the project/class.
- Not all teachers are challenging... and when they are challenged they don't know how to correctly accomplish the tasks, due to lack of direction, examples, patience, and laziness of the teacher because they are not walking around.
- Students lack the skills to critically think. There has to be a balance between the number of examples and the "throwing into the pool."
- Respect in the class and the home was both brought up, the kids through the chores and the parents with regards to the treating of adults. We saw respect from the students to the teacher through our observations in the classroom.
- Students wanted to slow down with the material, parents were ok with the pressuring of students as long as it was explained properly, and teachers are overwhelmed due to so many goals and plans that we need to follow. SIG, PSC, and WASC aside from all other school expectations (lesson planning, differentiating instruction, (so that means keeping up with your IEP students), pacing plans, CST, CAHSEE, ESLER'S, LTEL, etc.)
- Due to the above we have poor communication with parents. Brown phones suck.
- We need to have this kind of focus group meetings more often. It would be great to have this at the small school level with our own kids and with more teachers participating. Perhaps filming the focus group meetings so everyone has access to it, at least through smartjaguar if not in viewing sessions during small school meetings.
- Invite kids to see us interact when we work. In most meetings, there should be a professional atmosphere there anyway. It could make meetings more productive and keep us on task.
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