



- Staff Activity -

Searching for Seed Ideas

Objective: Engage teachers to bring forth innovative ideas that empower growth

Estimated Time: 15 Minutes

Materials: Questions, chart paper, (stickers red, yellow and green)

Purpose: To understand barriers and think differently about teaching without a fear of failure

Brainstorm Prompts

Brainstorm Session: Have staff gather in circle. Explain the purpose of the lesson and invite meaningful ideas and active listening. Pose a question and allow members to freely answer. Chart ALL answers on the paper. Do not comment or add ideas. As the facilitator you may only ask clarifying questions

Question 1: If failure wasn't an option, what would you try in your classroom tomorrow?

Question 2: What would your students say if you asked them what they would change about school?

Question 3: What strategies do you employ in your classroom that allow your students to take risks?

Question 4: If money or resources were not an issue, what would you do in your classroom.?

After the discussion concludes. Ask teachers to place a green sticker on ideas that could be implemented easily under your current school reality, a yellow sticker on ideas that could possibly happen, and a red sticker on the ideas that could not happen...yet.

USE this information! Be Bold, Be Daring: Don't be Afraid to Think Big, Make Risk Taking Safe: Support Innovation, Celebrate the Small Steps: Even Small Growth is GROWTH, Don't Abandon Too Soon, but Don't Fail for Too Long: Monitor Progress, Learn from Mistakes and Adjust