

Networking Protocol

Modified Protocol created with NSRF



This protocol is designed to provide a framework for building level, district level, or multi-district consultancy work. A structured format based on interactive processes will maximize the efficiency of groups facing common dilemmas. We selected this protocol to encourage the development of common language across various settings and experiences.

Time

60-90 minutes Designed for larger groups (10-15 people)

Roles

- Facilitator (Person whom both moderates and participates in the process)
- Recorder/Timekeeper (Person who records ideas and keeps group on time)
- Participants (People contributing ideas)

Steps

- The group frames a common dilemma or question. After clarification, the group is broken down into smaller teams (3-4 people per group). The teams brainstorm ideas associated with the question. Ideas are written on chart paper or post-it notes and displayed. e.g. “What is college ready?” or “What is college level reading?” 15 minutes
- Each team shares their ideas with the entire group. There is no discussion of the ideas at this time. 5 minutes/team
- The entire group identifies commonalities and then prioritizes the main issues. The key issue is discussed, and possible solutions are proposed. An action plan may be developed if consensus can be reached by the group. 20 minutes
- Remaining issues would become the focus questions for future meetings.
- Debrief the process and its facilitation. 5-10 minutes
- Personal reflection 5-10 minutes

