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From Conversation to Collaboration

“The ability to ask the right kind of question, at the right time, is the hallmark of a truly efficient and successful learner.”

- Angela Maiers

Community Building



- Let your community know what matters to you.
- Take time to build relationships
- Know and get to know your school community.
- Create an online community

When the Village comes together



- Creativity takes effect.
- More opinions means more options.
- Possibilities Grow.
- People feel a sense of pride for their school and a belonging.

Connection in Communities



- It's not about a policy or program it is about someone real who will be helped or hurt by the changes made.
- It is easier for people to grasp concepts and retain information when it is tied to real experiences.

Implementing Storytelling



- Create tools and opportunities for staff to share stories.
- Teach staff the value of understanding the role of storytelling.
- Create a way for your families and students to share stories as well.

Story Techniques and Exercises



- Story circles
- Six word stories
- Family stories

How can Stories Help us?



- Sharing knowledge
- Building commitment
- Influence change
- Inspire action
- Connection as a community

As learners and leaders our currency is our story.



- As parents travel to and from school, what stories are they being told by their children?
- As they move into the community, what stories of school do they bring with them?
- As community members interact with you, what stories resonate most?

Wrap Up

Keep Up to Date...

Parents Matter Initiative: Invitation to Professionals

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Pathfinder Services of ND will be implementing a new initiative in 2019, called *Parents Matter*. This initiative will offer activities to increase the understanding of engagement and strategies and resources that promote sustainable partnerships with parents, schools, and community.

We held a listening session with the creator of the curriculum, Angela Maiers on June 20th. Watch this session here:



Overview...

- Discussion Time
- Review of Toolkit
- Genius Matters

Moving Forward...

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