“Real Talk: Continuing the Conversation on Urban Education”

How to Play Jenga Conversations

1. Number Jenga Pieces (as many as you like)
2. Questions correspond to numbers.
3. When Jenga piece is pulled asked the question.
4. If a person pulls a piece and there is no number, keep playing- a number will eventually show up… OR…the person can ask a question of their own.

Conversation Questions

1. What did you learn at the conference that you took back to your classroom?
2. What type of support do you need to become a more culturally responsive educator?
3. What does culturally responsive teaching mean to you?
4. How do you use culture to engage your students?
5. How do you build community in your classroom?
6. How do you connect students’ real life experiences to your class assignments?
7. How comfortable are you with addressing racially charged issues (i.e., Ferguson, Dontre Hamilton, etc…) with your students? How have you addressed these social issues in your classroom- even with younger children?

Cooperating teacher questions

1. What knowledge/qualities should a cooperating teacher have before they host a teacher candidate?
2. What different skill sets are needed for a quality clinical experience?
3. How have you addressed difficult conversations with your teacher candidate?
4. How can the university further support you as a CT?
5. How do you address student teachers that portray “a sense of entitlement”?
6. What type of support do you need to become a more culturally responsive educator?
7. How do you provide feedback and quality time for your teacher candidate to reflect?

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