

Draft Show notes for Parents as Partners Webcast Monday March 3, 2008

Key messages

- Raise awareness of NNPS and Epstein Model
- Encourage creation of Action Team Partnerships
- Motivate principals to adopt the model
- Encourage more parents to become more involved

Show opening remarks

Hello and welcome to the third in a series of webcasts with Parents as Partners 'supporting students in the 21st century.
It is Monday March 3, 2008My name is Lorna Costantini I'm here in St. Catharines ON Canada.
I'm Rhoda Cipparone in Niagara Falls Ontario.....say what you want here
I'm Matt Montagne in Milwaukeesay what you want here
I'm Cindy Zuatcke in say what you want here - resident parent

Tonight we have 2 exciting guests joining us to talk about **How to encourage parents to become more involved in their children's learning.**

Mr Frank Iannatuonno SoE for NCDSB and Dr. Joyce Epstein from the national Network of Partnership. Welcome Joyce and Frank

Joyce and Frank say hello

Before we get into our discussions I am going to give our listeners some background information about the Parents as Partners Webcast.

So often you hear teachers say things like
I don't know why I bother only 5 parents show up – it's always the same parents
Why can't they look after their kids for a change
and then you hear parents say things like
I don't know why they ask for my advice they never listen
I really don't trust them
Right?

Parents as Partners is focused on how to connect parents and teachers in ways that benefit students and build effective working relationships. When parents are partners, students do well and we all benefit.
The problem is that definitions of partnership and parent involvement can be dramatically different. If you are in the parking lot you have to wonder are we all on the same page. Are we really do things to benefit students

With out question, there are bridges to be built. and we hope to help build them.

I am going to ask Matt to explain how this web cast works and how the listeners can participate.

Matt - chat room - explain he is the moderator and do a commercial for worldbridges and edechtalk
Don't forget the 30 second lag

Worldbridges is a network of individuals and organizations that use live, interactive webcasting and other new media technologies to help people connect, learn, & collaborate.

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I want to point out something before we go too far and that is the descriptor “homegrown web casting” We here in the web cast and the invisible support network behind the scenes are all volunteers. This webcast is not a commercial enterprise. We are recording live from our homes and school tophone may ring – dogs may bark – child may turn up – might even be a "go red wings" coming frm the family room – we are ordinary people doing extraordinary things to benefit students

Matt ask Rhoda to introduce Frank

Rhoda introduces Frank

Franks responsibilities – bio – school improvement planning with the MOE in 1999 – 2000 Principal ...schools? How long as a superintend

Lorna Introduces Dr. Epstein

<http://www.csos.jhu.edu/P2000/staff/joyce.htm>

Bio

As Director of the National Network of Partnership Schools and the Center on School, Family, and Community Partnerships, Principal Research Scientist, and Research Professor of Sociology at Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Epstein has conducted research and worked with elementary, middle, and high schools, districts, and state departments of education for many years to help educators build more effective programs of school, family, and community partnerships. Dr. Epstein has over 100 publications on the organization and

effects of school, classroom, family, and peer environments, with many focused on school-family-community connections. In 1996, she established the National Network of Partnership Schools to facilitate the connections of research, policy, and practice for school improvement. Dr. Epstein serves on numerous editorial boards and advisory panels on parent involvement and school reform. She is a recipient of the Academy for Educational Development's 1991 Alvin C. Eurich Education Award and the 1997 Working Mother magazine award for her work on family-school partnerships, and co-winner of the 2005 American Orthopsychiatric Association's Blanche F. Ittleson Award for scholarship and service to strengthen school and family connections.

Meet Dr. Epstein in Feb 2007 in London at a workshop put on by MOE and for me " it was one of those moments when the light went on
History
Schools and ministries of education use this model
Australian Parents Council Inc

Dr Epstein –
Model
NNPS – National Network of Partnership school
<http://www.csos.jhu.edu/P2000/>

Action team partnerships
http://www.csos.jhu.edu/P2000/nnps_model/school/atp.htm

TIPS Teachers involve parents in school work
<http://www.csos.jhu.edu/P2000/tips/index.htm>

History of NNPS
Benefits to - students
6 types of involvement model
http://www.csos.jhu.edu/P2000/nnps_model/school/sixtypes.htm
One year plan
http://www.csos.jhu.edu/P2000/nnps_model/school/oneyearplan.htm

Research

Examples of best practices
Surveying the community
Where to go for more information

Frank –
Share your experiences with school improvement plans
Data collection
Regional project
Q how do we make this easy for principals – isn't this more work?
What has been the experience when surveying the community?

Surveying the community

Questions

Matt

Cindy need for parent liaisons

Rhoda – model in secondary school

Closing remarks

Next web cast will Be March 17, 2008 subject

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