Sharing: Activity 1: What has worked well in partnerships you have been involved in?

- Talented staff and increase in student achievement
- Long term relationship
- Be honest in a respectful environment
- On-going relationship that you can build on
- Willingness of partner to work together
- Ability to articulate a clear vision
- Strong structure for the work
- Like a marriage: respect and patience
- Focus on Student Achievement
- Stay student focused
- Mutually Beneficial
- Common goal & purpose
- Ability to listen to what others what
- Ability to articulate your motivation
- Commitment to “sacred time” to build the partnership
- Willingness to take on challenges
- Clarity of the issue to be addressed
- Strong mutual goals
- Embracing innovation
- Communication: regular, committed, consistent
- Mutual benefits that are highly desirable and positive
- Transparency
- Having decision-makers in the room
- Shared expectation of students beyond HS
- Measurements: on-going assessments

Communication Strategies: One change you will make to stimulate the partnership

- Identify point persons
- Establish regular (& sacred) meeting times
- Continue to be honest to better serve the students
- Having classroom teachers know that there is on-going communication with higher ed
- Routinize communication
- Social media-internal (Edmodo)
- Higher level communication
- Creating new bridges; creating common agendas
- Importance of common language, common definitions
- Right people in the room, not just anybody
- Meet with a clear objective/purpose, not just to meet
• Clarity
• Include implementers as well as decision-makers

Next Steps:

• Schedule meeting with community college (this week)
• Scheduling our follow-up meetings
• Establish timeline
• Start getting baseline data
• Figure out who the best people to add
• What will transparency look like for us?
• Look at existing grant with higher ed and see how to align to this work
• Communicate using Google Docs
• Read Success Stories and meet to discuss
• Identify how every partner will benefit
• Be specific to local students
• Next meeting is already scheduled
• Confirm Commitment of all partners