

Post-Observation Conference Worksheet for Principals

Educator Name: Mrs. Bridgewater

Observation Date: 3/5/14

Agenda Overview	Preparation for Conference	Notes from Conference
<p>Praise <i>Deliver specific praise and reference an area in which the teacher demonstrated growth in use of the science practices.</i></p>	<p>Different displays of data Students working well in groups</p>	<p>Ms. Bridgewater has been working on providing different displays of data.</p>
<p>Focal Science Practices <i>Identify the science practices observed and the practice on which to focus for this conference.</i></p>	<p>Analyzing data Scientific explanations? – focus on this</p>	<p>Ms. Bridgewater understands that explanations should focus on how or why a phenomenon occurs, but is struggling with how to get students to do this.</p>
<p>Probing Questions <i>Ask a probing question that gets to your “key lever” around the focal science practice.</i></p>	<p>Were students really able to write scientific explanations? How could you get students to write explanation that explain how/why the bug population will change?</p>	
<p>Key Levers <i>Deliver the piece of feedback that will most dramatically improve the teacher’s performance around the focal science practice.</i></p>	<p>The question Ms. Bridgewater posed did not seem to require an explanation, just a yes/no answer. A better question would help students write explanations.</p>	<p>Ms. Bridgewater will work on writing questions. She will also teach students what “counts” as a scientific explanation so the expectations are clear.</p>
<p>Develop Plan <i>Identify the resources that will improve the focal science practice. Discuss when to observe again and what to look for.</i></p>	<p>If Ms. Bridgewater does not understand what explanations are, suggest looking at NGSS webinars.</p>	<p>Since Ms. Bridgewater has a good understanding of what a scientific explanation is she will use the next few weeks to teach it more explicitly to students and write better questions. Observe again in approximately 3 weeks.</p>