



Knowledgeable Other

Purpose: To summarize the learning, guide future research, and provide an outside educator's perspective

Role: To observe the lesson, focused on students' learning processes, and the following lesson debrief, share low-inference data, and give final comments

Characteristics of Effective Knowledgeable Others

- Knowledge of the content or pedagogy relevant to the Research Lesson
- Experience with Lesson Study or an understanding of the Lesson Study process
- Ability to convey a sense of collegiality in working towards a common goal
- Generosity in sharing expertise, experience, and a more comprehensive perspective
- Respect for teachers and students as learners, valuing what each brings to the process
- Open, sincere, and non-judgemental of others' opinions and ideas

Final Comments

Wait until after the team has completed the discussion and consider the following:

- Share collected data, help the team process the data, and assist them in considering where to go with the revision effort through guiding questioning
 - Note: The shared data should be based on observed classroom conversations, student work, and formative assessment results.
- Highlight lesson strengths based on collected evidence before discussing areas that may require attention
 - What do you value about the lesson or the team's conversation?
- Share data findings from the lesson that were not yet discussed
- Share additional knowledge from research and curricula
- Show the connection between theory and practice with concrete examples from the lesson
- Help others to reflect on teaching and learning
 - Based on the lesson and the team's discussion, what research on content, theory, and best practices would you like to bring to the group discussion?
 - What are some possible next steps for the Lesson Study group?
- Pay special attention to the audience and anticipate what they are ready to learn
- Provide a different perspective to the reflective discussion
- Provide information on new ideas and reforms in education
- Share the work being done by other Lesson Study groups