English Department PLC

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2:45 to 4:00 pm

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1. Worked in the past? Work in future?
   1. All school book
   2. Prewriting steps/activities – brainstorming, outlining, graphic organizer
   3. Uniformity in instruction and in data collection
   4. Writing for extended periods of time (5 minutes)
   5. 100 word challenge
   6. Collins writing method
2. Chief Challenges
   1. Materials/money to pay for – i.e. composition books, sticky poster board
   2. Consistency
   3. Small groups
   4. Flocabulary
3. Proposed Solutions
   1. Writing daily
   2. Book talks
   3. Uniformity in instruction
   4. Collins – check/teacher correct only emphasized areas
   5. More vocabulary instruction
4. Action Plan
   1. Increase/improve the number of words or minutes students write (high interest topics
   2. Research on what’s working/best bang for buck – i.e. Mission Literacy, Elaine Webber
   3. Release time
   4. One book, one community list of books