Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences receive positive feedback

Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences received positive feedback from parents and teachers. This was the second year of our elementary reporting conferences and we received over 400 survey responses from parents and 70 responses from teachers. Of these, 90% of parents and 87% of teachers stated that the conference was an effective way to communicate student learning, with 96% of parents noting that it was specific and individualized to their child.

Parents and Teachers also gave us great direction for the future with over 70% of both groups suggesting the Fall as the best time for the conference and 70% preferring a conference to a written report card.

It is clear that the hard work of teachers in preparation, and most importantly the clear and earnest conversations with students and parents, have been a key to successful implementation of student-parent-teachers conferences. A need for clear and direct communication with students and parents is something we heard three years ago when we surveyed our community (over 1000 surveys). I believe this is an example of getting great and community feedback and creating something to meet the need. Indeed, while early dismissal can be a challenge for parents, still 83% say they 'want' the conference even with early dismissal, this speaks to the value that parents see in this type of communication. I really appreciate how parents have supported this despite the challenges of early dismissal.

"Any reporting method, report cards, conferences, etc. is only as good as the people doing the reporting so my thanks and appreciation to teachers for all their hard work. I know there were hours of preparation, thoughtful consideration of evidence of learning, and some important and needed conversations about how to improve learning for students. Teachers hard work is appreciated by parents, and very much 'hit the mark' in terms of effectiveness, and clear communication."











