



2004 National Conference

Murphy's Whole-Faculty Study Groups

Augusta, Georgia

February 3 – 4, 2004: Pre-Conference Workshops

February 5 – 7, 2004: The Conference

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The Conference focuses on a data-based, student driven, job-embedded approach to professional development. WFSG is a process that has the whole faculty working together in small collaborative groups that focus on student learning. TEACHERS will share how in study groups they:

- Examine student work using protocols
- Use student data to determine what the study group will do
- Do action research as they monitor student progress
- Deepen their understanding of academic content
- Focus on the implementation of effective teaching practices

What are the registration fees?

Pre-Conference Workshop I (Feb. 3 & 4): \$275.00

Pre-Conference Workshop II (Feb. 3): \$150.00

Pre-Conference Workshop III (Feb. 4): \$150.00

The Conference (Feb. 5 – 7): \$275.00

Fees include instruction, breakfast, break snacks, and materials.

SPECIAL: *One Conference registration at half-price for every two paid*

Conference registrations from the same school or district.

Early Bird Registration: *Save \$25.00 if by December 15*

REGISTER via the internet: WWW.MurphysWFSG.org

2003 Conference had 151 participants from 15 states!

Location of Conference:

Partridge Inn

2110 Walton Way, Augusta, GA, 30904

1-800-448-8355 or 1-706-737-8888

\$65.00 king or queen; \$75.00 two double beds; \$85.00 deluxe suite

Pre-Conference Workshops

I. The ABCs for Initiating WFSGs in Schools. This 2-day workshop is for individuals and teams from schools that have not begun WFSG and want to get started or want to know what to do to introduce colleagues to the process. This workshop will give participants what they need to know and to do to implement WFSG. It is also for schools in the early stages of implementing WFSG. Participants will learn the functions and procedural guidelines for WFSGs and experience a step-by-step process for determining what study groups do and how to organize WFSGs, including how to review student data in making those decisions. The WFSG textbook by Murphy & Lick is part of the fee for attendees of this workshop. This workshop is the same as the WFSG Institute – Level I. Carlene Murphy, Karl Clauset, Terri Jenkins, and Lynn Baber will lead the workshop on **February 3 – 4, 2004.**

II. Maintaining High Functioning WFSG and Providing Appropriate Technical Assistance. This one-day workshop is for representatives from schools that have begun WFSG and need strategies for maintaining effective groups. Participants will learn tips for providing technical assistance to ‘stuck’ groups. Strategies effective study groups use will be featured. Principals will be tutored in how to give feedback to Action Plans and to the weekly logs. Moving WFSG to the high performing stage is critical if the study group work is going to impact student achievement. Experienced principals will lead this workshop on **February 3, 2004.**

III. Looking at Student Work. This one-day workshop is for anyone who wants to learn how to examine student work with colleagues to gain new insights into what and how students are learning. WFSGs look at student work as part of a data collection process that documents the current conditions related to a study group’s Essential Question. Teachers look at student work to collaboratively identify students’ strengths and weaknesses and to plan instruction. Gene Thompson-Grove, the national leader in teaching teachers how to appropriately and effectively use protocols for examining student work, will conduct this workshop. She is Co-Director of the National School Reform Faculty, a national program begun at the Annenberg Institute for School Reform, and helps coordinate the National Looking at Student Work Collaborative. She worked with the Coalition of Essential Schools in establishing small learning communities called Critical Friends Groups. This will be a GREAT opportunity for teachers at all grade levels and in all content areas to learn a technique for collecting current data on student progress. The protocols can be used in grade level, team, and department meetings, as well as in WFSG meetings. This workshop will be held on **February 4, 2004.**

Daily Schedule for Pre-Conference Workshops

8:00 Breakfast **8:30** Workshops begin **11:30** Lunch on own
1:00 Workshops continue **3:30** Workshops adjourn

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Thursday, Feb. 5	Friday, Feb. 6	Saturday, Feb. 7 *
8:00 Breakfast	8:00 Breakfast	? Sleep late
8:30 General Session	8:30 Study Group Meetings	? Scheduled Consultations with C. Murphy and/or other WFSG Consultants, if desired
9:30 Concurrent Sessions	9:45 Concurrent Sessions	
10:45 Study Groups formed	11:15 General Session	
11:30 Lunch on own	12:00 Lunch on own	
1:00 Study Group Meetings	1:30 Concurrent Sessions	? Team meetings, if needed
2:00 Concurrent Sessions	2:45 Study Group Meetings	? Study group meetings, if possible for members
3:30 General Session	4:00 General Session	? Enjoy historic Augusta!
4:00 Adjourn	4:30 Break	
	7:00 - 9:00 P.M. Special Interest Sessions	

* **Saturday:** Participants will design their own schedules.

General Sessions : Keynote Speakers describing major WFSG work they have led.

Concurrent Sessions : TEACHER Presenters sharing their WFSG experiences.

Study Group Meetings: Small groups practicing WFSG skills, the rave of the 2003 Conference!

Conference Presenters at Concurrent Sessions Will:

- Describe how student achievement has been impacted by study group work.
- Share how one middle school has maintained WFSGs for ten years.
- Give meaning to the 15 procedural guidelines that provide substance to the WFSG Structure or organizational framework.
- Describe how a district collected all the 'Best Practices' from all the study groups in ten (10) schools so all teachers could benefit from the collective knowledge and experiences.
- Demonstrate how teachers who attend Project Zero at Harvard University practice for implementation of Teaching for Understanding.
- Have participants experience a data-based decision-making process using an assortment of student data.
- Give examples of what teachers in a large, urban high school do in their WFSGs to focus on how they teach and track the learning of their students.
- Have participants experience how using protocols designed for specific purposes facilitate the work of study groups.
- Describe how WFSGs do action research.
- Give participants ideas for how to find the time for WFSGs to meet.
- Share how teacher collaborate in using student data to make instructional decisions.
- Describe how to use study group time to focus on how to teach reading.
- Share how teachers have increased content knowledge in WFSGs.

Special Interest Sessions on Friday Evening

There will be a "Special Interest" 2-hour block on Friday evening. One session will be for those who have been implementing WFSG for two or more years. Other sessions will be for participants who want to meet in grade level groups or by curriculum areas.

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“Maintaining High Functioning WFSG”

Pre-Conference Workshop III (Feb. 4): \$150.00
“Looking at Student Work”

The Conference (Feb. 5 – 7): \$275.00
“Teachers Taking the Lead”

The Conference is designed to give teachers the opportunity to share their study group experiences and for teachers to learn from each other what works.

See Registration Form for fee reductions when combining Pre-Conference Workshops with The Conference.

Special Offer: For every two paid Conference registrations from the same school or district, the school or district will get one Conference registration at half-price (\$137.50).

Lodging

- The Partridge Inn, 2110 Walton Way, Augusta, GA, 30904
- For reservations call: 1-800-476-6888 or 1-706-737-8888
- Established 1892 and designated as an Historic Hotel of America
- **Rate:** \$65.00 king or queen; \$75.00 two double beds; \$85.00 for a deluxe suite
- Hotel shuttle provided to/from airport

Travel

- Flights to Augusta, with change in Atlanta, via Delta Airlines
- Flights to Augusta, with change in Charlotte, via US Airways
- Direct flights to Augusta via Continental Airlines from Houston and Newark, NJ
- Direct flights to Columbia, SC via United Airlines, then drive 80 miles to Augusta
- Direct flights to Atlanta, then drive 150 miles to Augusta
- **Lunch:** Hotel has wonderful lunch buffet for \$6.00.
- **Dinner:** Many choices within area; hotel will provide transportation as available

Registration Fees cover

- Instruction ? Materials ? Breakfast ? Morning and afternoon breaks

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Register via the internet: www.MurphysWFSG.org

or

Complete REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: Rachel Brown, 960 Heard Ave, Augusta, GA, 30904

Fax to: 706-736-3240

Email to: WFSGrachel@comcast.net

Name _____
Name of District _____
Name of School _____
School Address _____ (Street)
_____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)
School Phone _____
School E-Mail Address _____
Home Address _____ (Street)
_____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)
Home Phone _____
Home E-Mail Address _____

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_____ Pre-Conference WS II and III.....\$ 275.00
_____ The Conference, Feb. 5 - 7, 2004.....\$ 275.00
_____ Pre-Conference WS I and The Conference.....\$ 500.00
_____ Pre-Conference WS II and The Conference.....\$ 375.00
_____ Pre-Conference WS III and The Conference.....\$ 375.00
_____ Pre-Conference WS II, III, and The Conference.....\$ 525.00
_____ The Conference, *if this Registration is accompanied
by two (2) Conference Registrations @ \$275.00 each
from the same school or district....*\$ 137.50

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: Individuals who register prior to December 15, subtract \$25.00 from the total amount of the fees that apply to the activities for which the individual is registering.

_____ A check is enclosed for \$ _____ made payable to WFSG Conference.

_____ Purchase order # _____ is enclosed for \$ _____.