

Reading Don't Fix No Chevys & Going with the Flow

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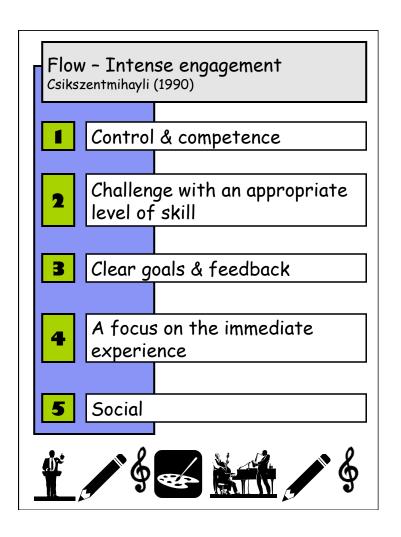


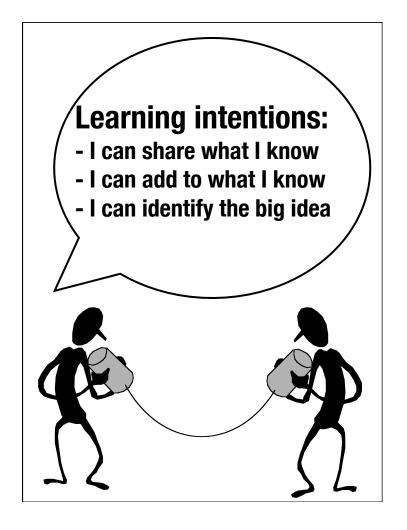
 examining what worked for boys as learners

The goal:

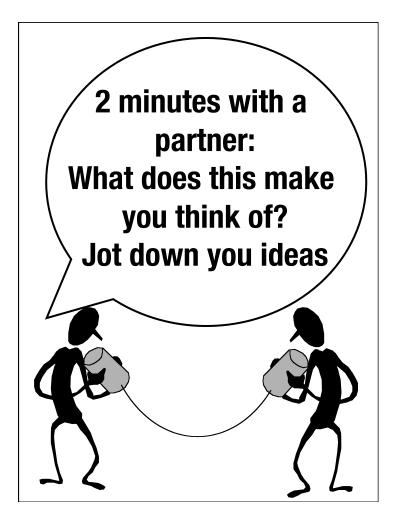
• to understand (at risk) boys' learning in school and to adapt teaching to resemble the passionate engagements sought outside of school



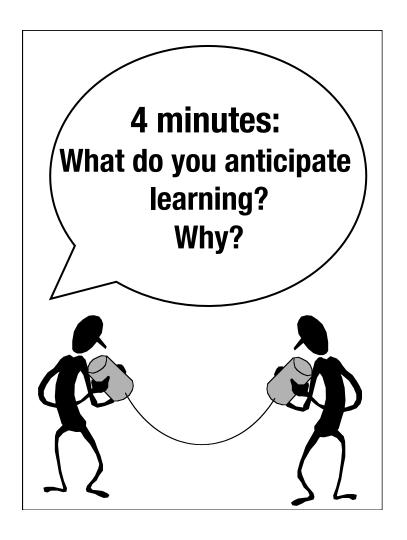




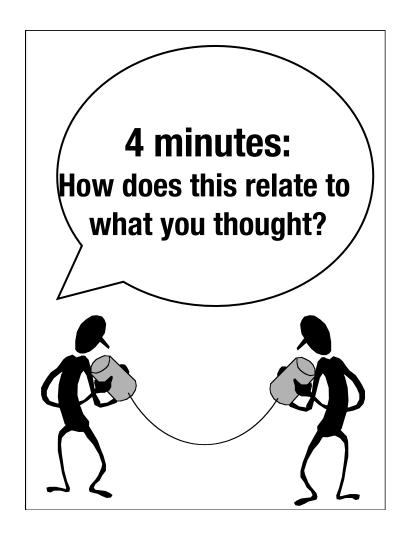
It's a bit like a marriage. For the most part, parents and teachers have the best interests of the child at heart. And they know it's better if they keep talking to each other. Still, sometimes what should be said is left unsaid - both the positive and the negative.



So this story is about opening up those lines of communication. First, with the help of Leger Marketing, we polled 630 Canadian parents. In a web survey, we presented them with 14 statements and asked them if they had ever wanted to say any of these things to teachers....



The biggest surprise for everybody - for Reader's Digest, for parents and for teachers - was that a whopping 90 percent of parents said teachers were doing a very good or good job. This is an extraordinary level of satisfaction.

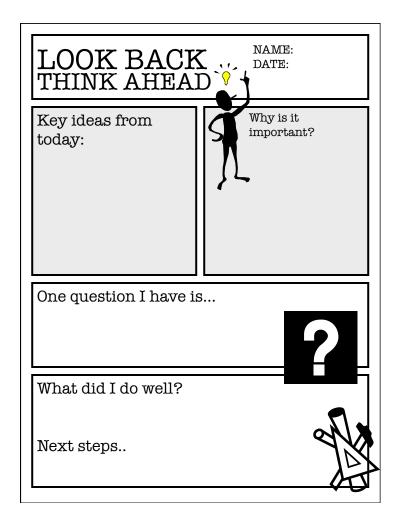


Perhaps even more extraordinary is the fact that nobody is talking about it.



Six Formative Strategies

- 1. Intentions
- 2. Criteria
- 3. Descriptive feedback
- 4. Questions
- 5. Self and peer assessment
- 6. Ownership



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