

12th Annual NSRF Winter Meeting- Your Invitation

December 13-15, 2007 • Tampa Bay, Florida

Please join us this year at the 12th Annual National School Reform Faculty Winter Meeting in Tampa Bay, Florida. Teachers, administrators, and educational leaders from across the country will gather once again at the Winter Meeting to pursue adult learning in the service of student achievement. For over a decade, NSRF practitioners have substantively contributed to school culture and community by utilizing NSRF's core practices of critical friendship and facilitative leadership, guided by our mission to foster educational and social equity for each child. At the Winter Meeting, we will further our learning using NSRF tools and processes to engage each other in questions related to our practice, our schools, and our students.

The work of NSRF is rooted in our mission: *The mission of the National School Reform Faculty is to foster educational and social equity by empowering all people involved with schools to work collaboratively in reflective democratic communities that create and support powerful learning experiences for everyone.*

Together, we will bring our NSRF mission, principles and practices to life as we learn and work in home groups. Home groups are small groups of colleagues who work in the ways of Critical Friends Groups, an expression of professional learning communities (PLC), by holding each other accountable for the continuous examination of our practice to meet the needs and interests of each and every student. We will give and receive substantive and critical feedback and support each other in the discovery of new ideas and the implementation of new practices.

Make plans now to join us this December at our annual Winter Meeting to work with old friends and new from around the country who are committed to improving educational opportunities and outcomes for each child toward a more just and equitable society.

Pre-Conferences

To compliment your Winter Meeting experience, please join us on December 12, 2007, for either of our two concurrent pre-conferences: 3rd Annual NSRF Research Forum and Core Principles of Critical Friendship.

3rd Annual NSRF Research Forum: This one day forum provides an opportunity to share what we have learned as researchers or practitioners and learn from others about the work of NSRF, CFGs,

Coaching for Equity, Facilitative Leadership, and other activities related to the building of intentional learning communities in schools. Participants will have the opportunity to present work and give feedback on the work of others, as well as help shape NSRF's growing research practices. This pre-conference will be facilitated by Kevin Fahey, NSRF's Research Coordinator.

Core Principles of Critical Friendship: This new session will offer an introduction to NSRF's core principles and practices of critical friendship and facilitative leadership in preparation for the Winter Meeting experience that follows. Together we will explore the purpose and implementation of these principles while experiencing their transformative power. Participants in this session will continue to meet in home groups during the Winter Meeting, at which time we will practice peer observation to deepen our understanding of NSRF work and consider how best to translate it to support and enhance current job-embedded professional development efforts in our respective work contexts as well as consider implementing this new learning in our respective workplaces. This pre-conference will be facilitated by NSRF National Facilitators Pete Bermudez and Linda Emm of the University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning, an NSRF Center of Activity.

Location

Marriott Tampa Waterside Hotel and Marina
700 South Florida Ave.

Tampa, Florida 33602

813-221-4900 or 800-228-9290

Sleeping rooms: Single/double \$149/night. Mention NSRF for group rate. Rate available until 11/28/07.

Faith Dunne/Nancy Mohr Scholarship Fund

Each year, NSRF keeps a commitment to providing scholarships for Winter Meeting attendees who would otherwise not be able to attend. To apply for a scholarship, please contact the National Office at 812.330.2702.

If you are able to contribute to the Faith Dunne/Nancy Mohr scholarship fund, please contact our Development Office at 812.334.8379

More Information

Visit www.nsrffharmony.org to register, review fees, make your hotel reservations, and for recreation opportunities, and more, or call Sarah Childers at 812.330.2702 if you have questions. ■

