

BEGINNING TEACHER CONFERENCE

“Empowering Teachers to be Leaders”

Collaborating, Reflecting, Implementing, and Succeeding

Evaluation Summary



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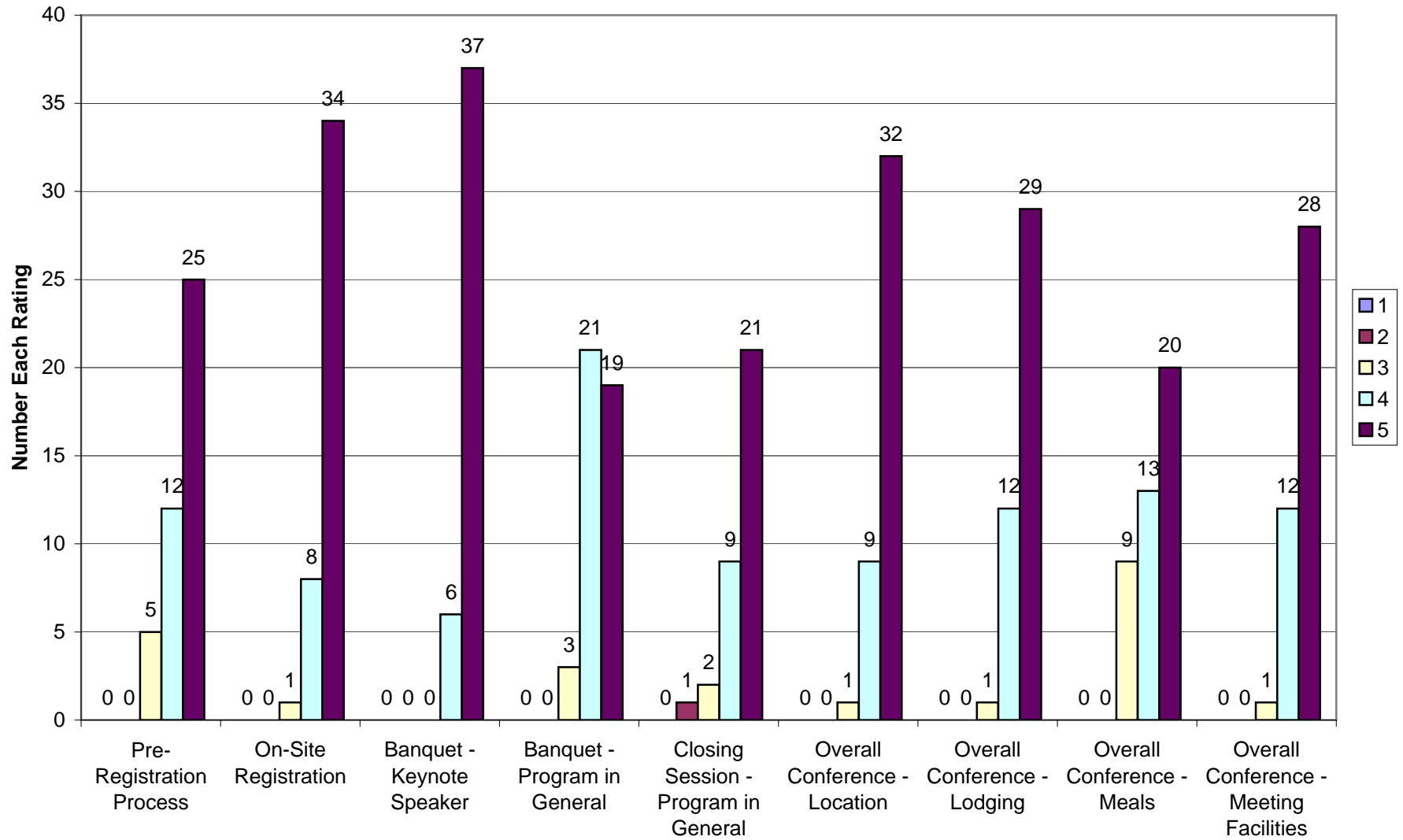
General Conference Ratings -- Summary

<u>Average</u>	(5.0 Maximum)
4.48	<i>CGR01: Pre-Registration Process</i>
4.77	<i>CGR02: On-Site Registration</i>
4.86	<i>CGR03: Banquet -- Keynote Speaker</i>
4.37	<i>CGR04: Banquet -- Program in General</i>
	<i>CGR05: Luncheon -- Program in General (NA)</i>
4.52	<i>CGR06: Closing Session -- Program in General</i>
4.74	<i>CGR07: Overall Conference -- Location</i>
4.67	<i>CGR08: Overall Conference -- Lodging</i>
4.26	<i>CGR09: Overall Conference -- Meals</i>
4.66	<i>CGR10: Overall Conference -- Meeting Facilities</i>

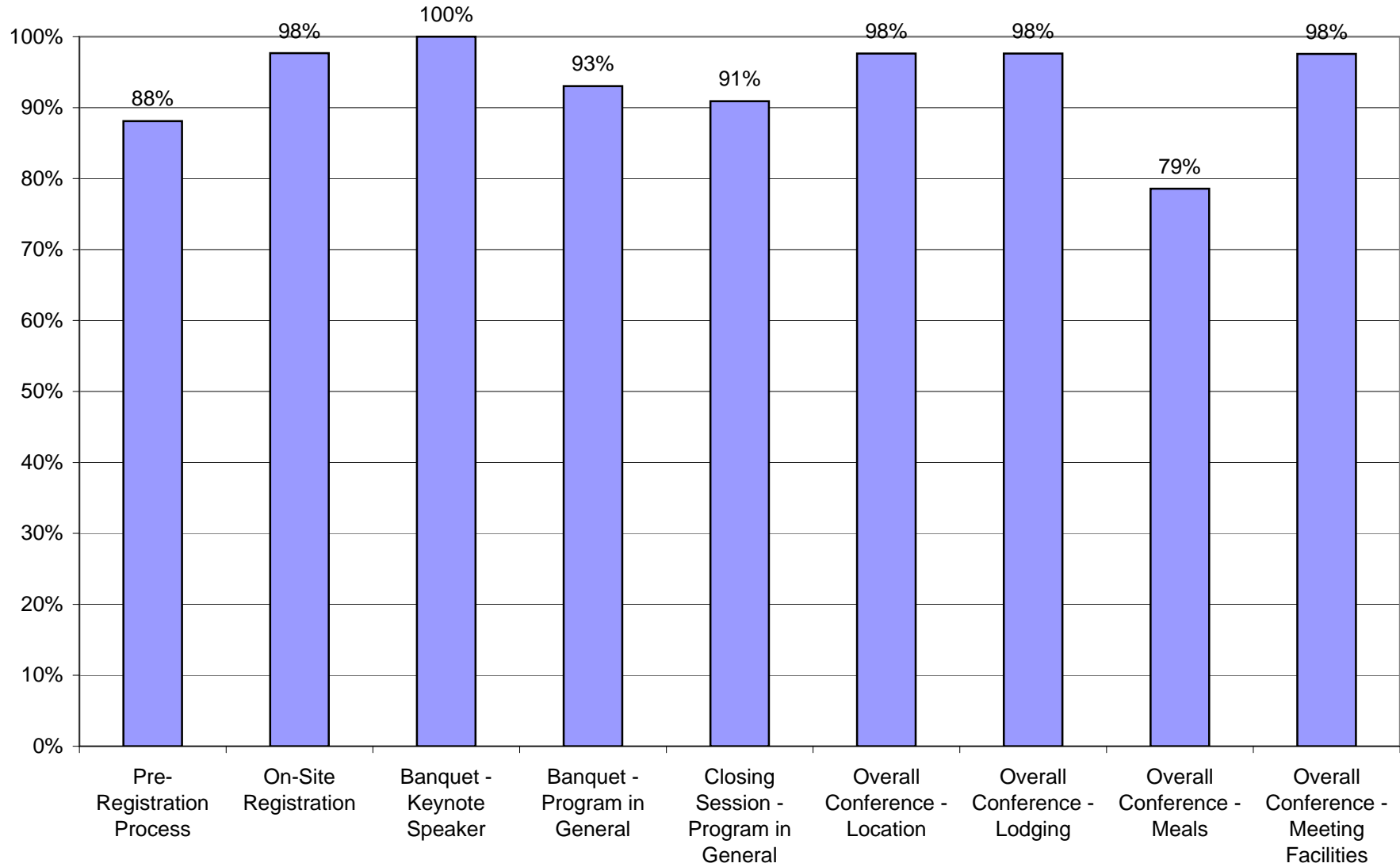
Beginning Teacher Conference - General Evaluation Tally

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Item	Count	1	2	3	4	5
2	Pre-Registration Process	42	0	0	5	12	25
3	On-Site Registration	43	0	0	1	8	34
4	Banquet - Keynote Speaker	43	0	0	0	6	37
5	Banquet - Program in General	43	0	0	3	21	19
6	Closing Session - Program in General	33	0	1	2	9	21
7	Overall Conference - Location	42	0	0	1	9	32
8	Overall Conference - Lodging	42	0	0	1	12	29
9	Overall Conference - Meals	42	0	0	9	13	20
10	Overall Conference - Meeting Facilities	41	0	0	1	12	28
11	Totals	371	0	1	23	102	245
12	Average Number of Responses	41.2	0.0	0.1	2.6	11.3	27.2

Conference General Evaluation -- 2009



General Conference Evaluation Summary - Percent Responses of 4 or 5 (max 5)



Conference Comments

CG01

Comments

Pre-Registration Process

- 1 After the close of registration, if you would send a final workshop list of the chosen topics so we can know if our workshops made the final list.
- 2 Pre-Registration completed by coordinator - N/A
- 3 Not heard yet. Easy when I arrived.
- 4 Okay after finding the site. I needing help with the navigating.
- 5 Nice and easy process, no problem
- 6 Concurrent session sign-ups did not have details or areas of concentration.
- 7 Very easy
- 8 Good registration process
- 9 Easy
- 10 Easy, but wish it would e-mail the classes chosen
- 11 This way very easy and convenient.

Conference Comments

CG02

Comments

On-Site Registration

- 1 Good job, Quick and easy.
- 2 Quick and Easy
- 3 No signs to let us know where to register
- 4 No problem!
- 5 Very fast!
- 6 Fast and easy
- 7 Very easy
- 8 Very quick
- 9 Good welcome environment
- 10 Fast

Conference Comments

CG03

Comments

Banquet -- Keynote Speaker

- 1 Awesome! Really got me excited and pumped.
- 2 Super
- 3 Inspiring, energetic
- 4 Very motivating and enthusiastic
- 5 Wonderful and absolutely inspiring
- 6 Good energy to begin
- 7 Very enthusiastic presenter. I enjoyed the activities she used and the fact that she was so straight forward.
- 8 How inspirational!
- 9 I really enjoyed her presentation.
- 10 Energetic and enthusiastic
- 11 She was great! So enthusiastic and she reminded me why I'm doing this.
- 12 Great job!
- 13 Sonya Rocks!
- 14 Awesome job.
- 15 AWESOME!
- 16 Hilarious!
- 17 Very engaging ad energetic
- 18 Energized. She engaged me with her energy so I can imagine what it does with the students.
- 19 Energizing and short focused topics :)
- 20 Great presenter!

Conference Comments

CG04

Comments

Banquet -- Program in General

- 1 I really enjoyed the entertainment. It was relaxing and stress-free. Sometimes I go to conferences and it feels like I'm back in school.
- 2 Great song!
- 3 Food too heavy for my taste.
- 4 Everything flowed at a really good pace. No wasted time.
- 5 Excellent! Great food, sessions, hotel and friends! I am so relaxed!
- 6 Too long
- 7 Well-planned, organized
- 8 Was song necessary?
- 9 The keynote speaker was great, informative, and entertaining.

Conference Comments

CG06

Comments

Closing Session -- Program in General

- 1 Fun!
- 2 Wonderful skits, etc!
- 3 Loved the skits!
- 4 Great energizing program
- 5 The skits are painful and embarrassing. Please do not make next years do them.
- 6 Awesome
- 7 Varied by skill

Conference Comments

CG07-10

Comments

Overall Conference

- 1 I loved the room. I had a good nights rest in that comfortable bed.
- 2 Great variety of meals!
- 3 Enjoyed!
- 4 No choices for vegetarian food.
- 5 Expensive, I'm sure.
- 6 The is way too much money to be spending on such a small conference. Is this really the best use of money when our pay is being cut and I don't have the supplies and resources I need to teach?

Conference -- Liked Most

What did you liked most about the conference?

- 1 Support Coach Meeting, Sunday morning presentation, Rap session Superb!
- 2 The information from the sessions could be adapted to any grade level.
- 3 The chance to network and gain new ideas.
- 4 The Keynote speaker was very energizing. All of the sessions were very informative and interesting.
- 5 Sessions were great!
- 6 Outstanding sessions; great presenters!
- 7 Meeting other teachers from the Collaborative and the time off! It was great to have a stressfree weekend!
- 8 The time off!
- 9 I enjoyed learning all of the new strategies that I can use in my classroom.
- 10 Conceived sessions, facilitators, Classroom management - defining good - gives me lots of information/ways to handle discipline problem students
- 11 The locality to the beach, meeting new people, gaining valuable knowledge.
- 12 Beautiful weather. Excellent presentations.
- 13 Location, location, location
- 14 That it was at the beach. Ms. Rinehart's session was very engaging and informative.
- 15 I got to network w/ other teachers. I also gained many new ideas and strategies.
- 16 At the beach.
- 17 It is at the beach.
- 18 Everything
- 19 Very informal, relaxing, good location. Saturday's sessions were helpful.
- 20 I enjoyed the location and timing of the conference. The sessions were easy to locate and close together.
- 21 Networking and sessions (presenters were great!)
- 22 The sessions were great with so much useful information.
- 23 All the diversity of surrounding counties gave tons of networking ideas.
- 24 The entire conference was wonderful. The opening presenter and location were an added plus!

What did you liked most about the conference?

- 25 Energetic speakers
- 26 Being at the beach
- 27 The sessions I attended, presenters were great.
- 28 The different seminars - excellent ideas and thought sharing networking and openness and freedom to learn and share.
- 29 The set-up of the classes, the presenters and the location.
- 30 Being around others that are in similar situations.
- 31 The location! The variety of sessions.
- 32 Networking
- 33 Socializing, Networking.
- 34 The location - taking a walk on the beach after a day of training was a nice treat - plus a wonderful opportunity for personal reflection.
- 35 I liked learning concrete strategies to engage students in my classroom. I plan to use many of the activities to which I was introduced to increase time-on-task.
- 36 I really enjoyed the rap sessions, the technology and meeting others and exchanging ideas.
- 37 The opportunity to find out that others were having the same difficulties that I am having.
- 38 Diverse group of teachers. Everyone seemed up-beat and supportive of one another.
- 39 Everything
- 40 I really enjoyed the location. I had no idea Atlantic Beach had this much to offer. I really enjoyed the energy from the facilitators - they inspired me to example the same attitude. Presenters. Spacious, very good.
- 41 Most of the sessions were extremely informative and fun.
- 42 The topics were great, and presenters were informative and passionate about their area.
- 43 Good topics - it's hard to make the decision on what to go to. Thank you!

Conference -- Liked Least

What did you liked least about the conference?

- 1 Drive - would Nags Head not have similar faculties? Alternate year
- 2 There were not enough sessions for primary pre-K-2. Most were above these levels.
- 3 Wish there was more for lower grades (K-1)
- 4 Driving so far after working is hard. It might be nice to alternate between Atlantic Beach and Nags Head.
- 5 No water at meals!
- 6 The session on Sunday a.m. - although it was fun to see the skits, but it would have been nice to get on the road earlier and just do a quick wrap-up.
- 7 The closing ceremony was unnecessary.
- 8 Not enough beach time!
- 9 I did not see anything a problem or wrong. This conference did an excellent job and help teachers to grow.
- 10 It was too short!
- 11 The Prom! No parking at all!
- 12 Timing to get from work on Friday to a mandatory event on Friday night was tight.
- 13 Three of my session were very poor, mostly common sense and didn't do much to further my practice.
- 14 There were sessions that I wanted to attend, but they occurred at the same time.
- 15 All the singing. The sessions were very broad, so I couldn't gain much from them. I felt it was very heavy with management and not having that issue, I felt limited to options.
- 16 The utility of it - I don't feel like I'm walking away with anything useful.
- 17 Paying for Internet
- 18 We "got away" for a long weekend, but the sessions were not very ground-breaking. More fun than really anything else.
- 19 Lunch on Saturday was a little long. During the last session of the day I had a hard time staying focused because of the long break.
- 20 Food!:(
- 21 N/A

What did you liked least about the conference?

- 22 There was not a lot of meeting times for us to collaborate with our colleagues. When we had "free" time no one wanted to work.
- 23 N/A
- 24 Nothing
- 25 My room. Hotel needs updating, Air did not work at capacity.
- 26 Too short - not enough time for all the sessions and networks.
- 27 More free time! Sessions on the beach.
- 28 Closing session.
- 29 Lunch - a variety with a salad would have been better.
- 30 I thought many of the session descriptions were misleading and the content in some seemed quite "fluffy". "Thinking about thinking" sounds to me like a workshop on metacognition, but it definitely was not. I had hoped for more serious, high level discussion.
- 31 That it exited too quickly.
- 32 I'm sure all of your presenters are good teachers, but the general push seems to be that to be a good teacher, I have to be an over-the-top, bigger-than-life, dancing on tables entertainer. I'm not that way, and when I try to do it, it doesn't come off well. If I didn't know that there are really great teachers who are more low-key, it would be very discouraging. It's still a bit frustrating though.
- 33 Could the hotel allow for a late check-out? Maybe 12:30?
- 34 Nothing
- 35 Some of the teachers had a negative attitude towards the presenters and some were not so friendly and receptive to others' opinions and suggestions, overall, conference presenters were great.
- 36 N/A
- 37 Sunday's program lacked short time. Breakfast could've began at 7:45 - 8:45, beginning the program at 8:45.

Conference -- Other Topics

Are there other topics you think would be beneficial to future conference participants? Specify.

- 1 These were the best yet!
- 2 Something that would apply to Pre-K-2 grades.
- 3 K-1 relevant material
- 4 Teacher collaboration within a school.
- 5 Motivating students on the elementary level, especially those that are really struggling or disengaged from school.
- 6 What makes a good teacher?
- 7 I think sessions should be separated by content area.
- 8 Meeting with same content areas to share ideas.
- 9 Meetings with same content area teachers.
- 10 Meeting with other members of content areas (e.g., HS, social studies)
- 11 You all do a great job!
- 12 Dealing w/ controversial topics in the classroom. (i.e., gays and lesbians)
- 13 More math focused sessions
- 14 How to deal with other teachers as a whole.
- 15 How to keep our stress to a minimum working in a fast paced and stressful environment.
- 16 Dealing with difficult Colleagues. (Teachers who steal, and talk bad about students)
- 17 How to deal with students who legitimately refuse to work and/or are completely de-motivated. The "Motivating Difficult Student" session did not address this at all.
- 18 Specific strategies to help student pas E.O.G. Elementary grades.
- 19 These are good. Sometimes a lot is too much.
- 20 Yes, ways to implement lessons and activities with limited resources; Alternatives when resources and friends are limited.
- 21 Make sure you get a lot of influential teachers.
- 22 Not at this time.
- 23 It would be good to have content specific things sometimes.

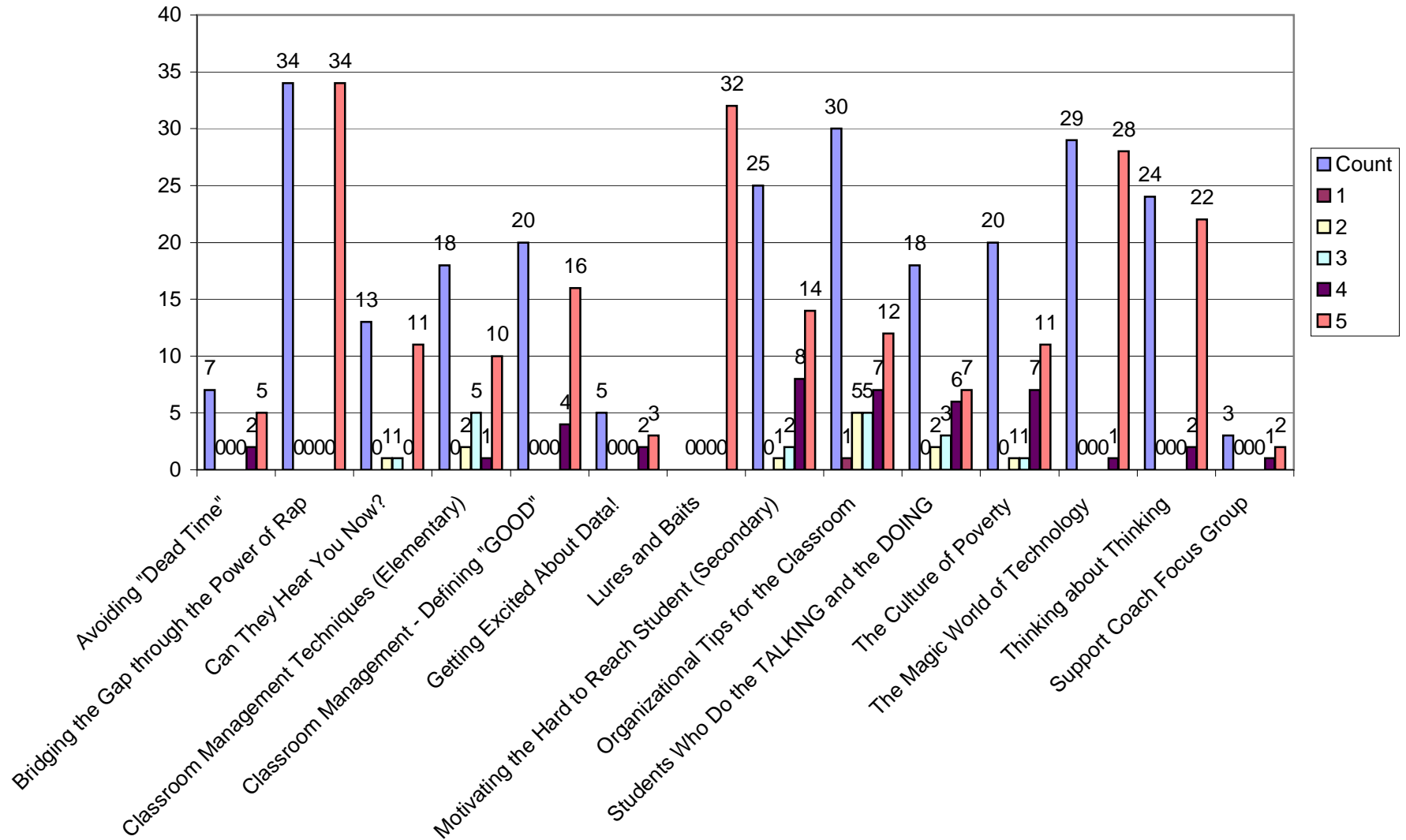
Concurrent Sessions

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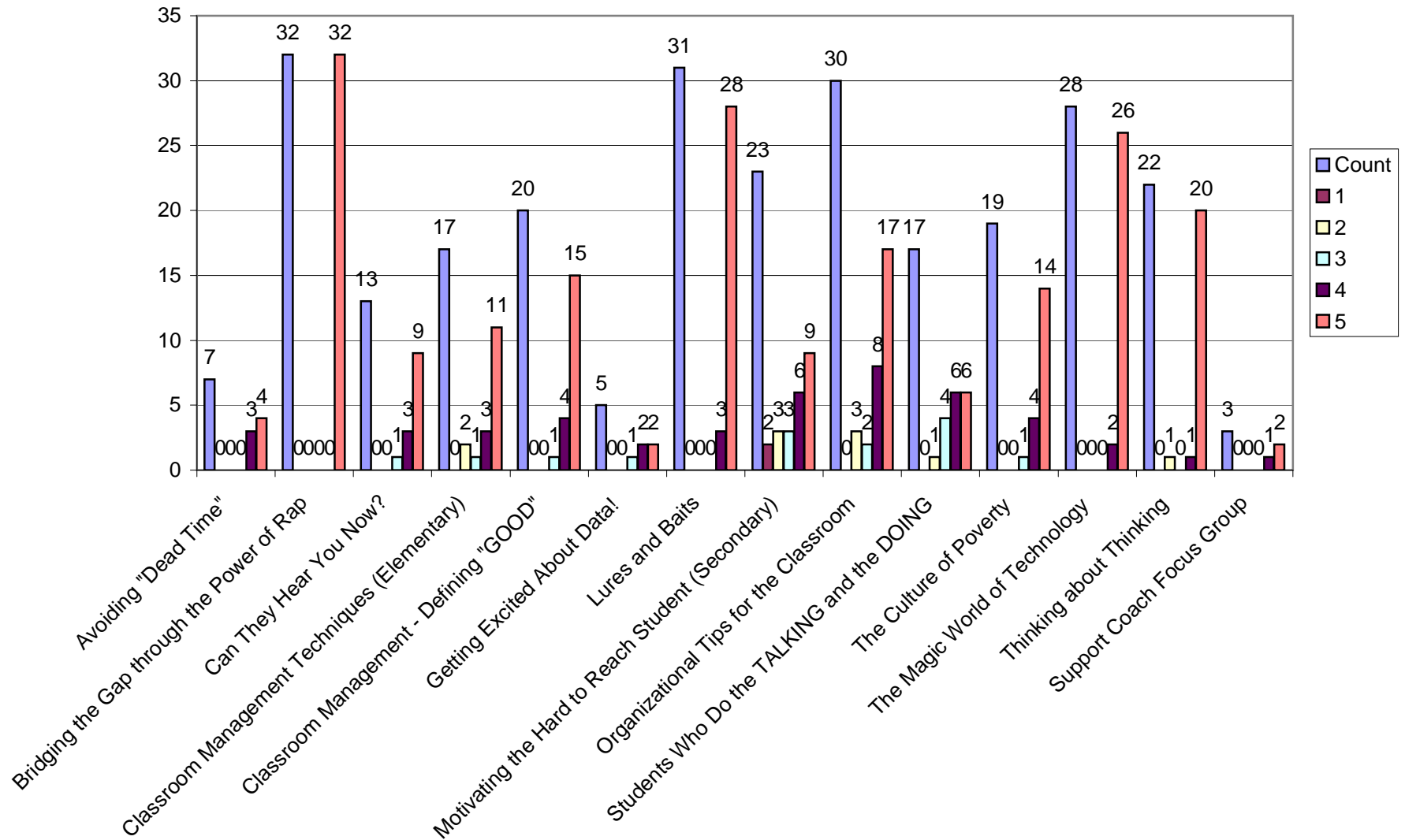
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Avoiding "Dead Time"	Presenter	7					2	5	4
	Topic	7					3	4	
	Handouts	7					3	4	
Bridging the Gap through the Power	Presenter	34						34	24
	Topic	32						32	
	Handouts	32		1	1		2	28	
Can They Hear You Now? Comments:	Presenter	13		1	1			11	8
	Topic	13			1		3	9	
	Handouts	13		1	3			9	
Classroom Management Techniques	Presenter	18		2	5		1	10	10
	Topic	17		2	1		3	11	
	Handouts	17		1	3		2	11	
Classroom Management - Defining "	Presenter	20					4	16	12
	Topic	20			1		4	15	
	Handouts	20			1		4	15	
Getting Excited About Data!	Presenter	5					2	3	2
	Topic	5			1		2	2	
	Handouts	5					2	3	
Lures and Baits	Presenter	32						32	19
	Topic	31					3	28	
	Handouts	31					3	28	
Motivating the Hard to Reach Student (Secondary)	Presenter	25		1	2		8	14	15
	Topic	23	2	3	3		6	9	
	Handouts	24		4	2		6	12	
Organizational Tips for the Classroom	Presenter	30	1	5	5		7	12	16
	Topic	30		3	2		8	17	
	Handouts	30	2	5	1		5	17	
Students Who Do the TALKING and	Presenter	18		2	3		6	7	8
	Topic	17		1	4		6	6	
	Handouts	17		1	2		9	5	
The Culture of Poverty	Presenter	20		1	1		7	11	9
	Topic	19			1		4	14	
	Handouts	19					6	13	
The Magic World of Technology	Presenter	29					1	28	21
	Topic	28					2	26	
	Handouts	28		1	2		3	22	
Thinking about Thinking	Presenter	24					2	22	18
	Topic	22		1			1	20	
	Handouts	22			2			20	
Support Coach Focus Group	Presenter	3					1	2	
	Topic	3					1	2	
	Handouts	3					1	2	

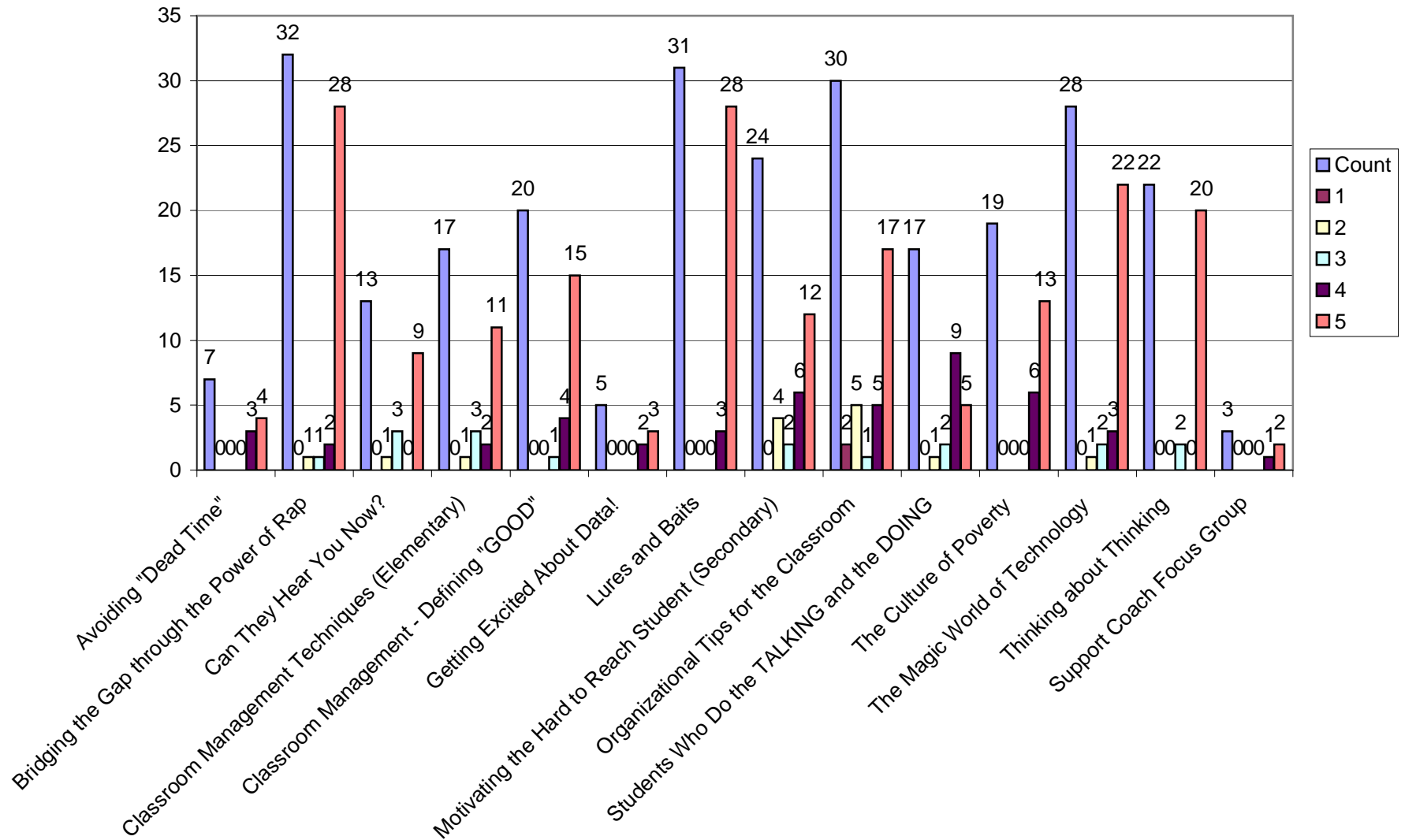
Concurrent Sessions Evaluation Summary - Presenters - 2009



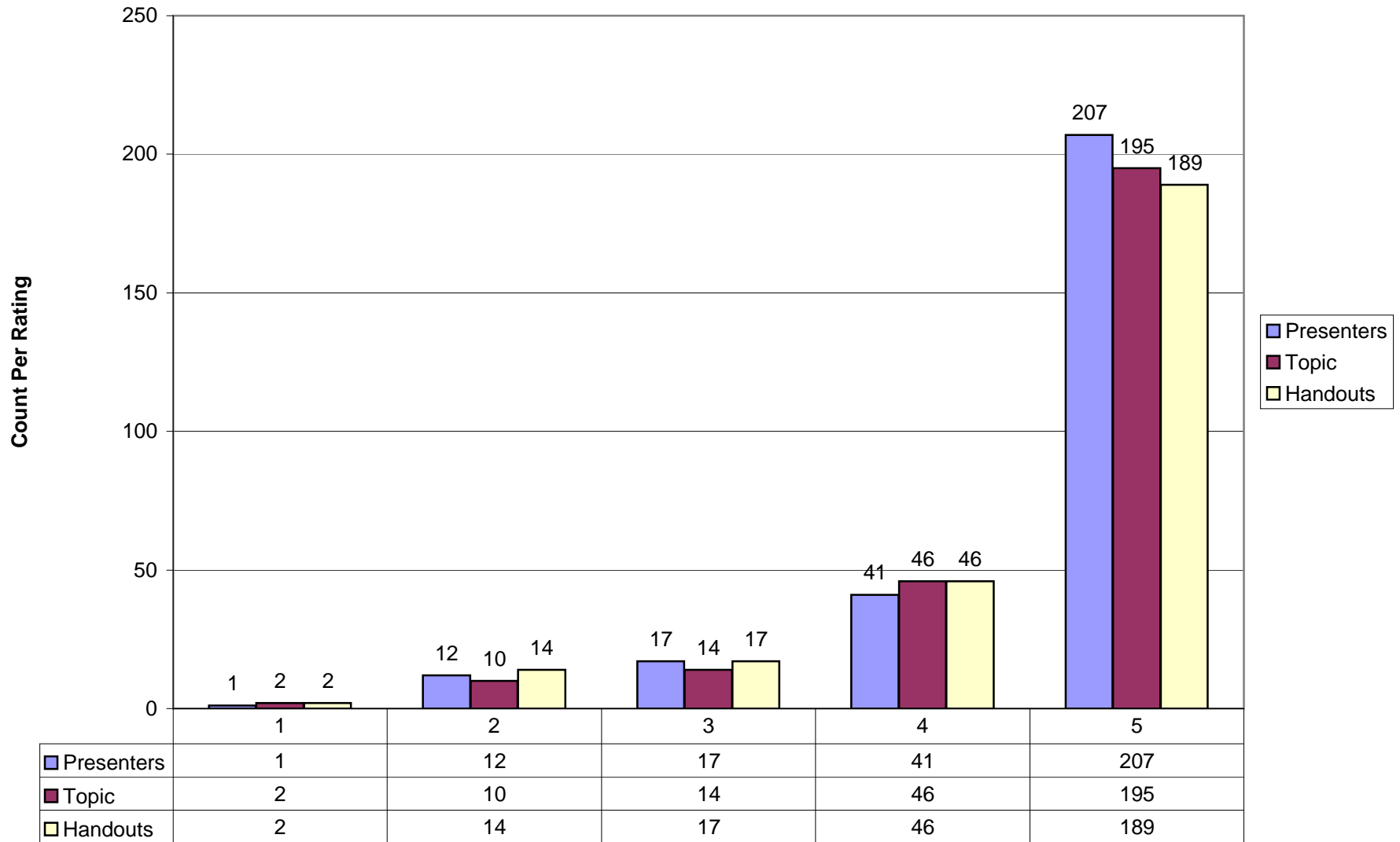
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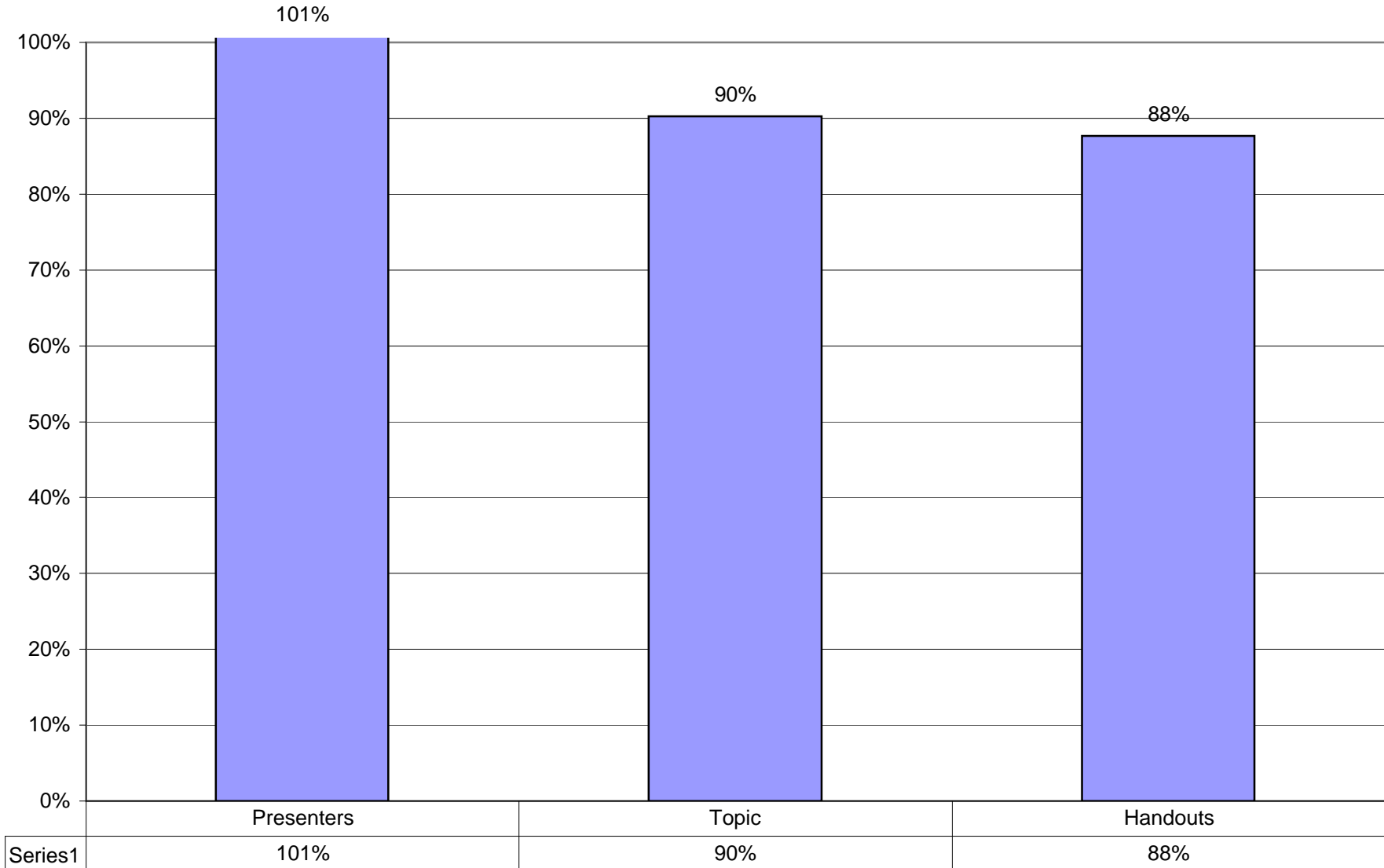
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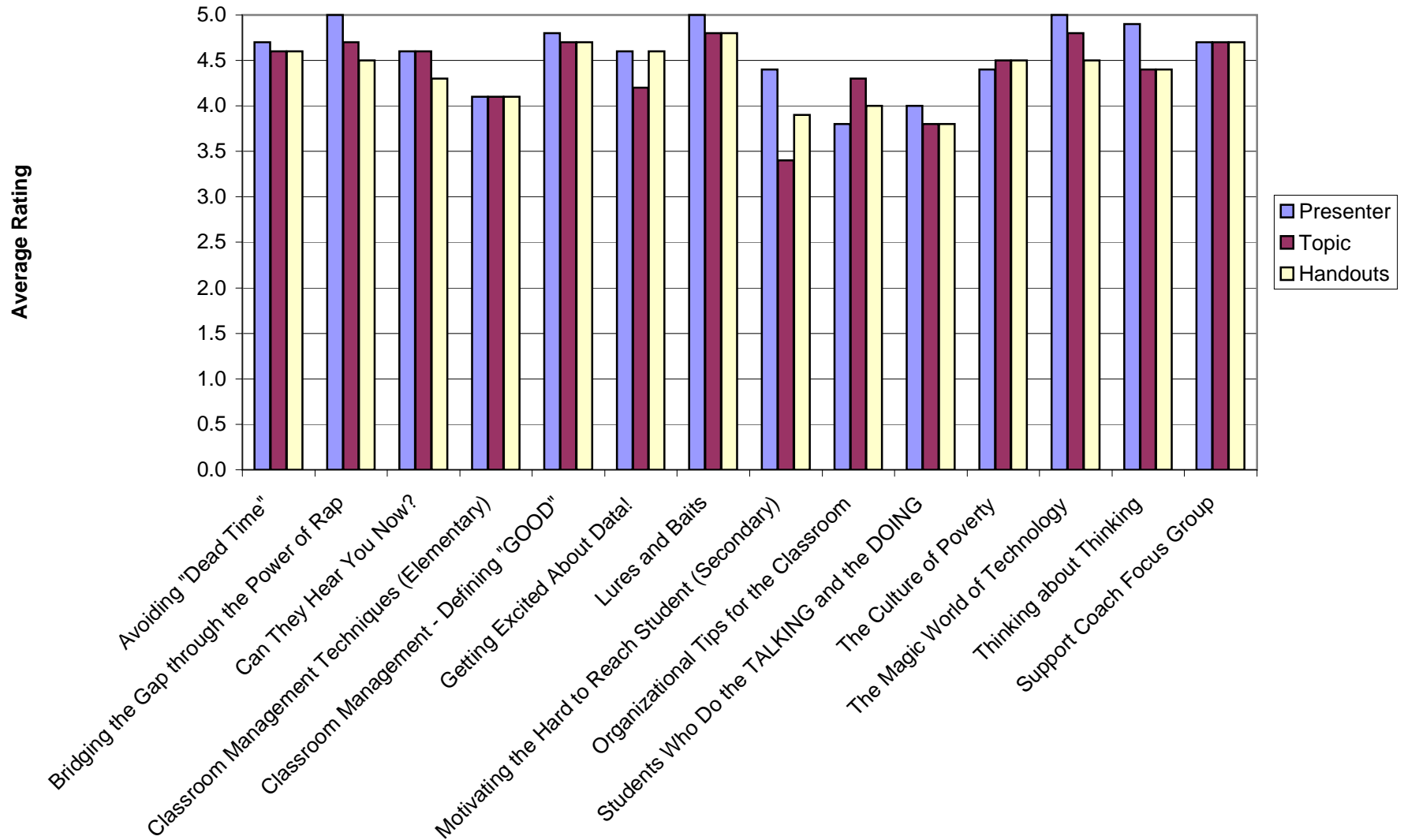
Concurrent Sessions Evaluation Summary - Overall - 2009



Concurrent Session Evaluation Summary - Percent Responses of 4 or 5 (max 5)



Concurrent Session Evaluation Summary - Average Rating (5 Max)



Session Comments 01

Avoiding 'Dead Time' - How to effectively utilize your block time while maximizing time on task for learning.

- 1 We needed to move around - too long to sit!
- 2 I thought she had some good ideas and was very organized and a great presenter. She showed how excellent planning can get rid of dead time, I would have liked more specific idea on activities to do while waiting for people to finish or while passing out papers or making transitions with materials.
- 3 Mollie was good.

Session Comments 02

Bridging the Gap through the Power of Rap

- 1 He was wonderful, Very informative.
- 2 Did not go.
- 3 Heard it was great.
- 4 Great ideas!
- 5 Wonderful!
- 6 Great idea! I learned a lot of great ideas for my class. They will allow me to reach all my students and get on their level.
- 7 Wish there were more, but great energy.
- 8 Wonderful and useful!
- 9 Keep having this!
- 10 The presenter was phenomenal and I'd love to use rap in my class, but Internet resources would have been beneficial!
- 11 It was very creative.
- 12 This presenter needs to write a book and go international Great stuff!
- 13 Outstanding.
- 14 He was very energetic and creative. I love the grammar comics.
- 15 Loved it! Had to get him back, maybe even get his book when he is done.
- 16 Needs to make cd free to BT at conference.
- 17 Awesome speaker!
- 18 Very interactive.

Session Comments 03

Can They Hear You Now? Preventing Death By Lecture

- 1 Very enthusiastic presenter! Didn't offer much to take back.
- 2 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Presenter was great. Very enthused and engaged with audience.
- 3 Awesome!
- 4 Dr. Johnson was very enthusiastic and energetic throughout the presentation. I learned a lot.
- 5 I learned how to act as a teacher! She is so straight talking but she said things I needed to hear!
- 6 Thank you! Spoke very clearly - helped me a lot!
- 7 Dr. Johnson did a great job!
- 8 Awesome - wish I could get more. Worth sharing with my fellow teachers. She was exciting and wonderfully passionate.
- 9 Down to earth, very enthusiastic, provided with great inspiration.
- 10 Very exciting, but not well - organized.
- 11 I left inspired.

Session Comments 04

Class Management Techniques That Allow You To Teach

- 1 This was so exciting that I wanted to go through it twice!!
- 2 I loved her!
- 3 Slow moving - need more "How to." Not focused - randomly presented.
- 4 Keep having this!
- 5 Really enjoyed the open atmosphere. Was able to openly talk about things.
- 6 Went very well, Interactive, lot of Q/A's.
- 7 Did not go.

Session Comments 05

Classroom Management - Defining 'GOOD'

- 1 Great Job!
- 2 Networking ideas to use were very helpful. (Reward system)
- 3 Good ideas, great speaker. Got me thinking about setting more specific expectations and clearly presenting it, upholding them.
- 4 It was helpful to hear other participants share their reflections/strategies.
- 5 Information I already knew, but what do you do when that fails?
- 6 Not a whole lot of new info, but reminded me of stuff I should have remembered from school. Good to hear others are in some of the same struggles.
- 7 Share teaching experiences, especially classroom management.

Session Comments 06

Getting Excited About Data!

- 1 Very informative; very useful.
- 2 I really feel this information would have been great given at the beginning of the school year. Staff development.
- 3 Mr. Evans got me thinking and gave me resources to use in planning.

Session Comments 07

Lures and Baits: Budget Minded Strategies to Ensure We Catch All Fish

- 1 Wonderful ideas!
- 2 Lots of great ideas!!
- 3 The presenter was great! I loved the hands-on and creative activities.
- 4 Outstanding.
- 5 Exciting and engaging.
- 6 I loved the presenter! She brings a joy to the room that makes you want to listen to what she is saying.
- 7 Interactive informative, great ideas to take back to classroom.
- 8 Loved this! Had great ideas!
- 9 Thank you! Spoke very clearly - helped me a lot!
- 10 Great session.
- 11 Excellent! Great ideas. I will definitely use in my class. NEED TO HAVE shown to my entire school/district.
- 12 Great info, I think if groups would go up front to present, that would be helpful.
- 13 Excellent tips for any classroom.
- 14 Heard it was great.

Session Comments 08

Motivating the Hard to Reach Student (6-12)

- 1 Outstanding session.
- 2 Didn't like this session. I didn't learn how to motivate, about graphic organizers. Description did not match content of session.
- 3 Wasn't exactly what I had expected, but I still found it very informative and useful.
- 4 She had a lot of great ideas and teaching strategies/methods, but I feel like she didn't address to question in the title of the session. I wanted to hear how to reach my students who don't want to try to do any activities. Good handout, but not very organized
- 5 The session was great, but did not cover the session description.
- 6 I really enjoyed this one, thoroughly. Her energy was great!
- 7 Useful techniques, but didn't seem to address how these organizers, etc. would improve motivation. Seemed like they were "magical" solutions, even if that was not the intended.
- 8 Did not address truly recalcitrant students. Also, most of the resources were from an elementary book, which the presenter claimed would work for High School students too. I'm sorry, but that seriously underestimates their ability level.
- 9 I was expecting to learn more about how to deal with.
- 10 Lots of energy. Had great energy for hands-on work!
- 11 The class did not match the description. it was all graphic organizers, but that was not mentioned in the description. Very disappointed.
- 12 This was a graphic org. session, not a motivating session.
- 13 I want to learn more on how to motivate the hard to reach student not only impiety instructional strategies but other ways.
- 14 This could've been more focused on the topic.

Session Comments 09

Organizational Tips for the Classroom

- 1 I really liked the way she allowed time for individuals to provide additional strategies they had found are working for them. Very insightful and well organized.
- 2 Sensible and practical ideas to use in the classroom.
- 3 Information will be very useful.
- 4 This was awesome! I got really good tips to help get & stay organized!
- 5 Great tips that I can take back with me.
- 6 I would have liked more specific info.
- 7 Many organizational methods I have already known about.
- 8 Outdated and not effective.
- 9 Great tools that I can share!
- 10 If teachers aren't already doing these things, they need more help than a workshop!
- 11 Really common sense things.
- 12 Great! Usable information.
- 13 Lots of stuff

Session Comments 10

Students who do the TALKING and the DOING do the Learning!

- 1 Excellent reading instruction resources. Presentation seemed a little unprepared.
- 2 Great fluency ideas, group work, comprehension strategies.
- 3 Does not fit "ALL" grades. Better suited for middle school or high school.
- 4 Should not have been for "ALL" teachers. I am preK - this didn't help me much!
- 5 Left with good tools.

Session Comments 11

The Culture of Poverty

- 1 Especially in rural N.C.!
- 2 I wish I had learned more strategies on how to help then end the cycle. However, I gained a lot of knowledge.
- 3 Very informative.
- 4 I really learned a lot about the word "Poverty." I always look at my students the same, but now I can see a little more in depth.
- 5 Wonderful handouts to use with students to determine their poverty level.
- 6 I learned so much about students in poverty!
- 7 Interesting and engaging.
- 8 Opened my eyes to many things.
- 9 Did not go, but heard good things.
- 10 Good information, liked manner of presenter.

Session Comments 12

The Magical World of Technology

- 1 Totally awesome presentation. I would love to see her in a staff development in our school. Very powerful.
- 2 Awesome free resources to use in class! Knowledgeable presenter who knows what it's like to be in the classroom!
- 3 I would like to have a hand-out with the websites and other info. We can find it on her website, but I might have forgotten where to find some of the info. I had an amazing time! Thanks!:)
- 4 A must have!
- 5 AWESOME PRESENTATION!
- 6 Great! I'd love to learn more from her!
- 7 I did not get to see this but heard it was great!
- 8 Many free programs I have not heard about.
- 9 Mrs. Askew was excellent. I learned about websites that I will use in my classroom.
- 10 Wonderful Info!
- 11 Very good presentation!
- 12 I did not attend this one, but heard it was great from several people.
- 13 Great resources.
- 14 Excellent presentation - lots of good stuff!
- 15 Heard it was great.

Session Comments 13

Thinking About Thinking (Engaging Instruction)

- 1 Excellent example of co-taught lesson, professional and enthusiastic! The best!
- 2 Excellent use of graphic organizers
- 3 May want to change title or involve more critical thinking concepts into the session so that the title is truly clear and have more of a direct connection with the topic.
- 4 Great job!! I love Mrs. Wells, Mr. Frederes, and Mrs. Whitaker.
- 5 Excellent presentation and a lot of hands on experience.
- 6 The presenters were very detailed.
- 7 Interesting way of making us their students - gave us a sample lesson.
- 8 Thank you for demonstrating blending content areas. I've wanted to do so, but couldn't figure out how.
- 9 I like her idea of forming groups, energetic. They were very engaging and the topic was informative. I am still unsure of what the session was about. I was sidetracked by the modified foods - was that thinking about thinking?
- 10 Great info every science teacher needs. Thanks.
- 11 Ideas interesting, but the title of the workshop was quite misleading.
- 12 Great presentation.
- 13 Mr. Frederes is INSPIRING.
- 14 Awesome Presentation!

Session Comments 14

Support Coach Focus Group

- 1 Great job, very interesting presentation.