

School-College-Work Initiative

Spring Symposium 2020 – Workshop Session Chat and Polls

2A SWAC Teacher Networking

Chat – Introduction

Laura Elliott: Welcome everyone! I am the SCWI Liaison Team Member for RPT 9 and 10, and I will be the moderator for this session.

Laura Elliott: Tom Smith and Adriana McDonough will be the facilitators.

Laura Elliott: Scott Goodfellow is our awesome tech support!

Laura Elliott: Please introduce yourself as we get started - include your role and board!

Rick Meridew: Hi, I'm Rick using Kathy's account to perform some Host duties. Most of what I do is in the background so I won't be an active participant.

Ashlee Gowan: Good Morning Everyone. My name is Ashlee Gowan and I am a SWAC and Dual Credit Teacher in SCDSB. This is my first semester in this role.

Cindy Collins: Good morning! I am a SWAC and dual credit teacher in the WRDSB.

Alijcia Gibson: Good morning. I am the DC teacher with HDSB.

Chat

Reshma reshma.badiani@yrdsb.ca: I Would love to connect with you Adriana and Tom about tips for starting a new program

Adriana McDonough: We will work on setting something up Reshma!

Ashlee Gowan: I have tried to connect with each student based on their interests and have created assignments/projects that incorporate some of these interests which has helped to engage them.

Alijcia Gibson: Sounds amazing. I'd like to hear more about it to see if we can model something that takes an equity lens into account

Alijcia Gibson: How does SWAC student profile differ than the general DC student?

Susan Kett: Is there a list of SWAC schools with contact information available?

Suzanne Smith-Merkley: Some feel shame that they are back to where they were before starting SWAC this semester. They were doing so well until the pandemic.

Alijcia Gibson: Thanks. Good to know.

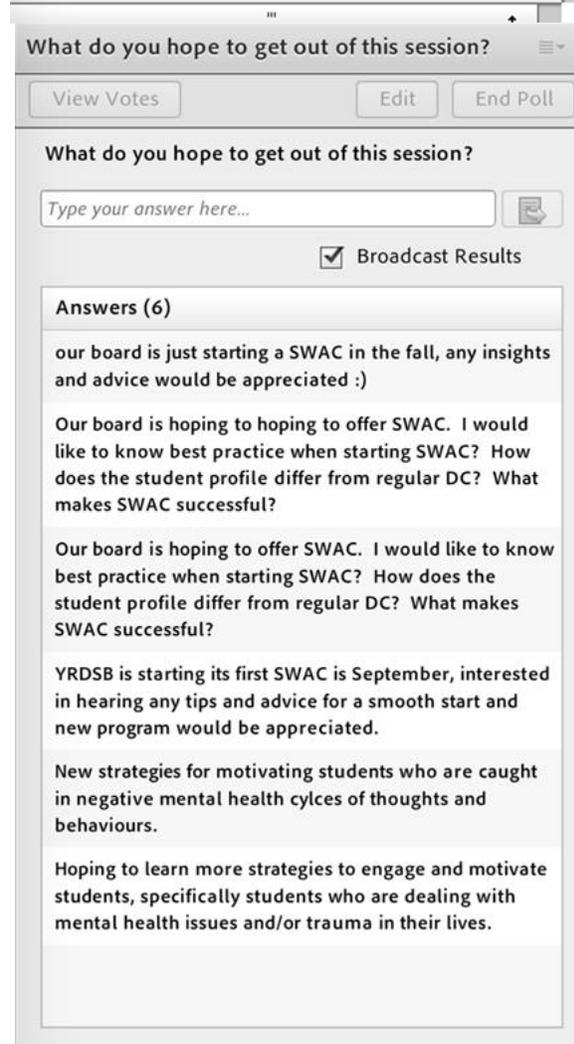
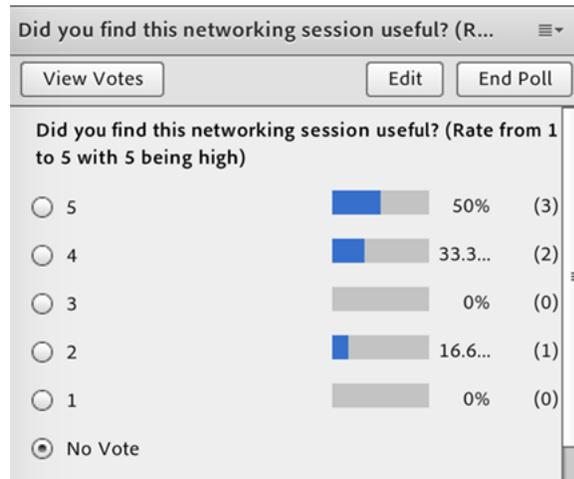
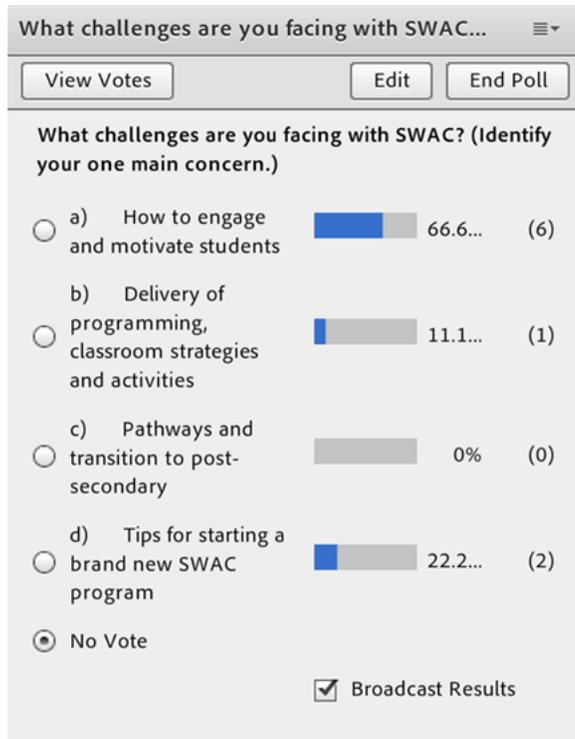
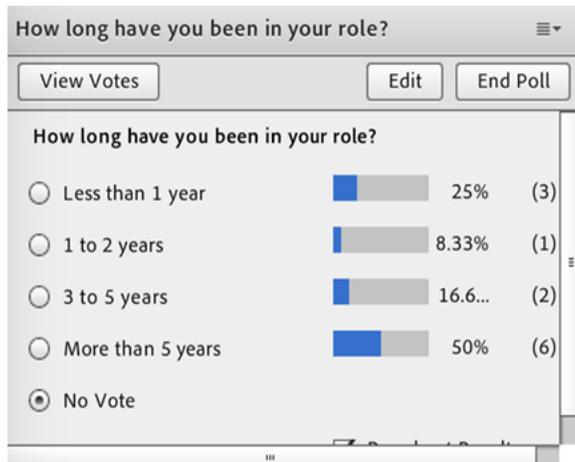
Kate Shepherd: SWAC College Capable but at risk of not graduating Not thriving at home school

Kate Shepherd: I LIKE that idea! :)

Ann Davis: I love our CoP! It was such a life saver when I first started SWAC

Suzanne Smith-Merkley: Thank you, enjoy the rest of the day.

Polls



What recommendations do you have for SCWI in relation to th... ☰

Multiple Answers ▾

Open

Question

What recommendations do you have for SCWI in relation to this networking topic?

Answers (One per line)

SWAC for Indigineous students
A workshop for new SWAC programs

What successes have you had in your current situa... ☰

View Votes

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End Poll

What successes have you had in your current situation with the SWAC program? What positive impacts are you seeing?

Type your answer here...



Broadcast Results

Answers (4)

Feeling that they were able to graduate in this setting, and feeling they had the confidence to start college.

Many successes. Some students really thrive and talk about how the SWAC setting with a supportive dual credit teacher has turned them around. The change to online is very tough for many.

Building rapport with the students when we were able to be in a classroom and having them feel comfortable enough to talk to me about anything. It carried over to good communication during the pandemic.

The self-realization and growth in confidence of the student's ability to "do school"