Questions to ask about the context for our work

Here’s a sample of the kinds of questions we should be asking early and often as we plan and deliver this work

- What other initiatives are going on along with the writing project work?
- How involved is the administrator with instruction?
- What are the best lines of communication to establish?
- What other professional development initiatives have teachers had recently?
- What are some of the issues in the district that might affect our work?
- How are relations between administrators and teachers? What is the administrator’s leadership style?
- How many early-career, mid-career and veteran teachers are there in the building?
- What are the teachers’ particular strengths?
- What image does this school have of itself? How do the teachers view their assignment at this school?