Looking at Student Work

- 1. Teacher(s) present the work.
 - a. What was the assignment (e.g. a draft? Two weeks of work?)
 - b. What was the goal in giving the assignment?
 - c. "Here is the work"
- 2. Clarifying questions (require yes/no answer or a few words)
- 3. Discussion
 - a. The presenting teacher does not speak for this part.
 - b. It's not about the presenting teacher. It's not about the presenting teacher's students.
 - c. Questions for participants:
 - i. What strikes me about this work?
 - ii. What questions does it raise for me?
 - iii. What is significant for the student?
 - iv. How are the habits of mind addressed through this work?
 - v. Are students doing work worth doing? Are they doing work that has them engaged?
- 4. Teacher who presented the work gets to respond.
- 5. Others respond to the teacher.
 - a. What are lessons in this for my own work?
 - b. What am I learning from this?

Points to remember:

We are looking at the work as though it is an exhibit in a museum: we may know a bit about the artist, but it is the work itself that speaks to us.

Hard on the content – Soft on the people