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Synopsis

I attended the deeper learning conference in San Diego.

The main take-away I got from this conference that was put on by High Tech High is ...personalization. They have built a program completely centered around the student. One thing that was stated by a student who was teaching the breakout, "A fish grows only as big as their environment allows. Our needs are not glass bowl and should be allowed to grow beyond the bowl."

We as educators do not give students a voice. They already have one. They have their voice and the teachers are there to help them find it, and use it to make the world a better place.

A teacher from HTH said that students he teaches are not disinterested in literature. They just don't like the literature traditional schools are supplying. Young people are not broken; it is the system in which we put them in that is.

All great undertakings are risky. You have to remember that it is not important to like your colleagues. You have to love them. Love is a high-risk behavior. Like never changed lives.

This conference challenged me but encouraged me. I was challenged with my control. I struggle with giving it up. It encouraged me because we are on the journey towards this and I have seen someone that is successful at it.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean Dush".

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