Evaluation in the Classroom

Reflection questions

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The Key thing I learned from this project…

Our group chose Autism Spectrum Disorder and how the evaluation processes would differ from each child. This project may not have stretched my knowledge and abilities as much as another topic would have, but it was what my group wanted to do. It is a very personal topic for me because my 22 year old brother is low functioning autistic. Therefore I have been around autism all my life and have watched him grow in school. He was never in a core subject class but did participate in CALM, Gym and his own versions of Math and Home Ec and Computer Class. So this topic may have shown me a couple of new strategies for Evaluation but It did not stretch me a long way in the learning spectrum.

From Peer Feedback on my digital wall. I learned

I did not quite understand that we were to have a draft prepared to show people. We had a skeleton and ideas down on paper but nothing online concrete enough to show anyone. So the feedback we received from other groups was very obvious and did not help us have a better presentation. We already knew we needed more text and more pictures. I enjoyed the interview with Don’s group. I learned much of their presentation. I did stray a bit from the questions because I wanted to know more about his project, his feelings about the project and what his fears may be. In the process I was able to share a little more about my own project. This was more helpful to me than letting them see my computer.

My major contributions to the group…

Because of my firsthand knowledge on Autism, I was in charge of the What is Autism page in the Weebly. I searched out videos and projects done by my brother and others. I had the opportunity to talk to his Grade 6-12 aid and learn more about how they evaluated him. We talked about his credit to graduate and how he participated in each class. Some classes the teacher and the aid worked together to change the course in order to accommodate his needs and skills.

One thing about this assignment you should know…

While this assignment was not difficult it was a little vague for me. I was not sure what kind of information you were looking for from our project. This made it hard to develop a format. So I hope the format and information meets your requirements. Another thing you should know is I believe people are getting frustrated with group work and emotions were a stressful thing in our group.