

Critical

F.R.I.E.N.D.S

Protocol

Critical Friends Protocol

Phase and Description		Length of Time
1	Describe Presenting group describes their idea, product, or solution. Critical friends group stays silent.	1 minute
2	Clarifying Questions Presenting group responds to clarifying questions. Critical friends group asks questions to fully understand idea.	1 minute
3	Likes Presenting group remains silent (recommended to turn away) Critical friends group talks amongst themselves about the idea as if the presenters were not in the room. They should use phrases that start with "I like...".	1 minute
4	Wonders Presenting group remains silent (recommended to turn away) Critical friends group talks amongst themselves about the idea as if the presenters were not in the room. They should use phrases that start with "I wonder..." and are not suggestions.	1 minute
5	Possible Next Steps Presenting group expresses their appreciation. Open discussion on possible next steps for project success.	2 minutes

Describe

1 minute

- Presenting group describes their idea, product, or solution.
- Critical friends group stays silent.



Clarifying Questions

1 minute

- Presenting group responds to clarifying questions.
- Critical friends group asks questions to fully understand idea.



Likes

- Presenting group remains silent (recommended to turn away)
- Critical friends group talks amongst themselves about the idea as if the presenters were not in the room. They should use phrases that start with “I like...”.

1 minute



“I wonder...”

- Presenting group remains silent (recommended to turn away)
- CF group talks amongst themselves about the idea as if the presenters were not in the room. They should use phrases that start with “I wonder...” and are not suggestions.

1 minute



Possible Next Steps

- Presenting group expresses their appreciation.
- Open discussion on possible next steps for project success.

2 minutes

