

Thank you for your support in the purchase of 25 copies of Mentoring Matters, by Laura Lipton, for each member of the group. The mentorship organizing committee includes five BCTF members: Ruth Wadsworth , Alice Kedves , Alisa Russell and Cindy Lister , plus the STA president.

The books did not arrive until mid April, 2022, and we distributed them to school sites/teachers. With the rush to the end of the year, our group did not have a chance to meet to discuss the book in particular; however, using our BCTF grant monies, a full release day (via zoom) was used to introduce the concept of mentoring, strategies, and role plays based on the content of the book.

Our plan is to continue the mentoring program next school year, and each of the mentors has a copy of the book which will be used as a resource tool. As we gather to continue mentor training, the book will be used for ideas, supportive language, etc. For example, the book has q-r-codes to videos to support teacher-mentor interactions, templates to support teacher growth, etc. The intent of the book is to be a tool-box to support the development of supportive, professional relationships.

Feedback on the program as a whole has been extremely positive, especially the strategies from the book, Mentoring Matters, which helped to facilitate trusting relationships.

Thank you for your support.

Ruth Wadsworth & Alice Kedves