*Responses to reviewer comments*

Reviewer A

We followed the reviewer’s suggestion and improve the introduction by adding more references to other research that has investigated teacher collaboration. Specifically, we have cited work on professional learning communities and teacher grade-level team because it is the research most relevant to the topic of our paper. We have also added a reference to the co-teaching literature suggested by the reviewer.

Reviewer B

We attended carefully to all the comments the reviewer made and we believe the manuscript to be much improved as a result. We appreciated this reviewer’s attention to the details of the language.

We cleaned up the language by shortening many paragraphs and added some text to the analyses of quotations to make these clearer. In only a few cases we did not follow the reviewer suggestions. For example, we did not change the language reported in transcripts because we think it is important to quote verbatim the study participants. We did not change the question about frequency of collaboration because we do have a section of the findings that discusses that.