Table 6.2 Protocol for Collaborative Professional Conversations on Co-Teaching

- 1. Co-teachers set aside 20 minutes for this activity. They agree to a set of accepted parameters for this professional conversation.
- 2. One co-teacher offers his or her account of successful aspects of the shared co-teaching experience. The other co-teacher is silent and takes notes. (3 minutes)
- 3. The same step is repeated with the second co-teacher. (3 minutes)
- 4. Each teacher takes a turn to clarify one key element in the other's presentation. (3 minutes total)
- 5. Co-teachers start an open discussion to analyze the reasons for their successes and/or identify any other contributing factors that hindered the success. (8 minutes)
- 6. The session is concluded with each co-teacher reflecting on the conversation and identifying one specific goal or step for the future. (3 minutes)

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