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## Podcast Show Notes – Scott Lee

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*Defining Us uses the power of media and the promise of education to inspire educators to join the conversation on the socio-political cultural issues that matter. In this episode of Defining Us...Stacey DeWitt interviews Scott Lee. Scott directs curriculum design at the CWK Network and is the producer/host of The Thoughtful Teacher Podcast. They discuss a variety of issues related to teachers, the struggles they face in and out of the classroom today, and how asking the right questions can be a start for change.*

### Powerful Moments

Throughout this podcast there are powerful moments that provide deeper insight into the individuals and topics discussed in this podcast.

- 1:25 - Scott's backstory as a teacher and the inspiration behind his podcast, *The Thoughtful Teacher*.
- 3:41 – Importance of developing the positive relationship as a teacher.
- 5:30 – Issues in teacher retention.
- 7:20 – The three issues teachers are facing today: COVID, Communication Issues, Control Issues.
- 10:00 – Teachers are feeling scapegoated by issues in the world.
- 12:01 – Importance of a teacher in helping students deal with social issues impacting them.
- 13:15 – Unintended consequences of telling teachers to not talk about certain subjects.
- 17:25 – What should school look like in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?
- 18:32 – We have to be asking the right questions.
- 19:00 – What are some solutions and how can everyone help?
- 21:45 – Take a lead from educators.
- 23:00 – Everyone remembers the best teacher(s) they had.

### Critical Reflection Questions (During and After the Listening)

Use the following critical reflection questions to make deeper meaning of the topics discussed in this episode.

- How do my own identity, experiences and knowledge influence my understanding of this topic?
- How does this topic connect with my current context?
- What are the implications to my practice?
- How can I support students in taking on and solving big important problems?
- How will I continue the conversation in my school/community/organization?

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## Inside the Conversation

*Want to know more?* Continue the learning with some of the important individuals, organizations, and topics discussed in this episode.

- [Scott Lee on Twitter](#)
- [The Thoughtful Teacher Podcast](#)
- [Chief Academic Officer of LA Unified School District](#)
- [Marc Brackett, Ph. D. – Yale University](#)
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