**Conversation starters for students**

*These are just suggestions/starters. Try to keep conversation moving and try to involve as many of students/teachers in group as possible*

* How is your year going?
* When you are struggling academically who do you go to?
* How would you describe your school?
* What do you like most about it?
* If you could change one thing about your school experience, what would that be?
* When you have a social issue that needs resolving who do you go to?
* How would you describe the student/overall culture of this school?
* Are there opportunities for you to be developed as leaders?
* Explain how your LRC works?
* What extra murals do you participate in?
* How do your academics here compare to the school your friends at home go to?
* What do you do in life orientation?
* Are there opportunities to work or assist or connect with community?
* Are you actively involved in community service activities?

**Conversation starters for teachers**

* What is your background?
* How were you recruited?
* How long have you worked here?
* How do you plan and prepare for lessons?
* How are you supported as a teacher?
* What type of professional development do you get throughout the year?
* What is the role of HOD?/Senior teacher?/Deputy?
* How often are you evaluated as a teacher?
* When you have questions about your subject matter, who do you go to?
* How would you describe the staff/ or student culture?
* When you see students struggling what do you (or your colleagues) do?
* What support is available for struggling students?
* What type of interventions are available for struggling/ broken children
* What are the goals of this school?
* Could the life orientation periods be re structured to impact more on student culture?
* What do teachers value highly in this school?

**Conversation starter for parents**

* How long have you been associated with the school? and in what capacity?
* How would you describe the ethos of the school?
* What system does the school use to communicate with you?
* How would you describe the partnership you have with the school?
* Who do you go to if your child is performing poorly academically?
* What support is offered to students/families from the school?
* As a parent of you know what the vision/mission of the school is?
* What would you describe as the school values?