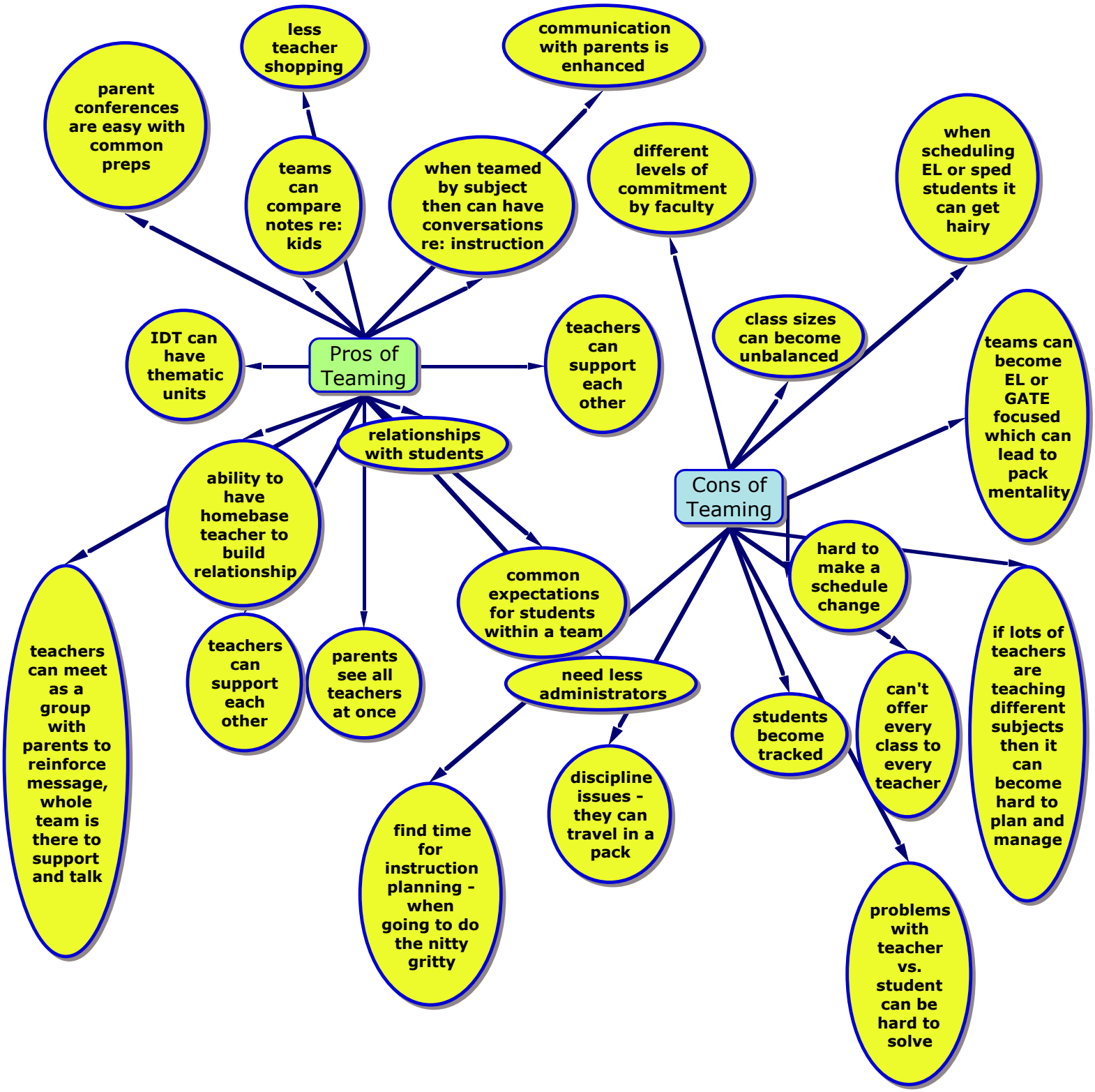
Pros of Teaming
parent conferences are easy with common preps
less teacher shopping
teams can compare notes re: kids
communication with parents is enhanced
when teamed by subject then can have conversations re: instruction
IDT can have thematic units
teachers can support each other
relationships with students
ability to have homebase teacher to build relationship
teachers can meet as a group with parents to reinforce message, whole team is there to support and talk
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parents see all teachers at once
common expectations for students within a team
Cons of Teaming
different levels of commitment by faculty
when scheduling EL or sped students it can get hairy
class sizes can become unbalanced
teams can become EL or GATE focused which can lead to pack mentality
hard to make a schedule change
if lots of teachers are teaching different subjects then it can become hard to plan and manage
can't offer every class to every teacher
students become tracked
need less administrators
discipline issues - they can travel in a pack
find time for instruction planning - when going to do the nitty gritty
problems with teacher vs. student can be hard to solve