Building Community through Daily Morning Meetings

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MORNING MEETING GOALS

- Build Community
- Improve Attendance



Today's Agenda

□ The 3 C's- Culture, Climate, and Community

□ Research around the issue of attendance

□ Morning Meeting Daily Routines

Questions, Discussion & Work time

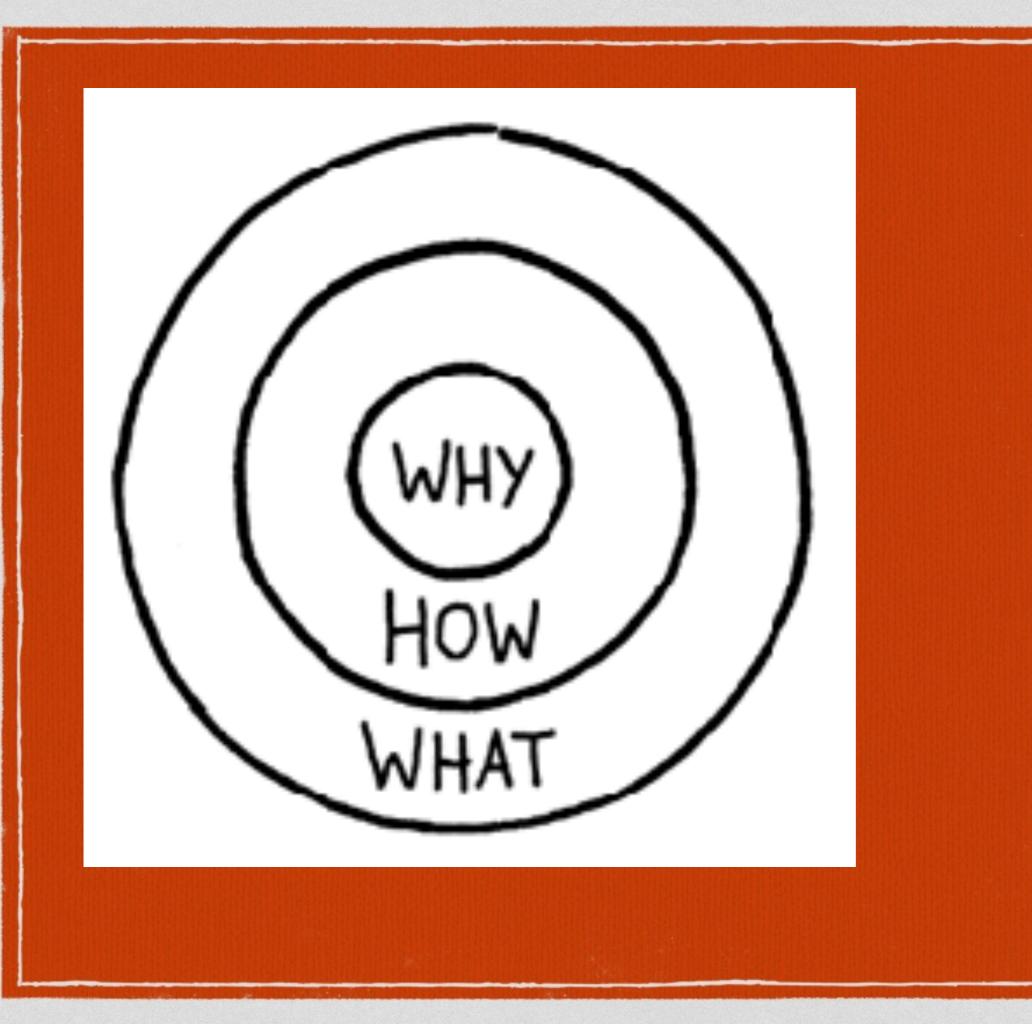
Community, Culture, Climate

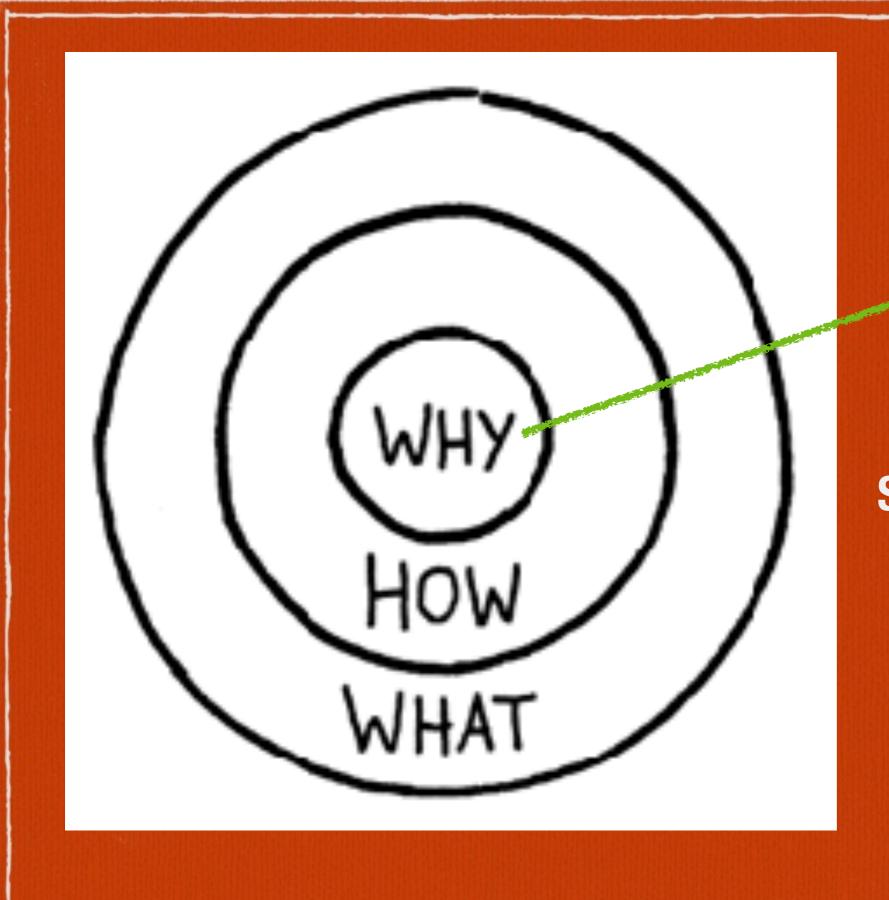
School **community** may be defined as a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.

School **climate** may be defined as the quality and character of school life. It may be based on patterns of student, parent, and school personnel experiences within the school and reflects norms, goals, values, interpersonal relationships, teaching and learning practices, and organizational structures.

A school's **<u>culture</u>** is largely determined by the values, shared beliefs, and behavior of all the various stakeholders within the school community and reflects the school's social norms.

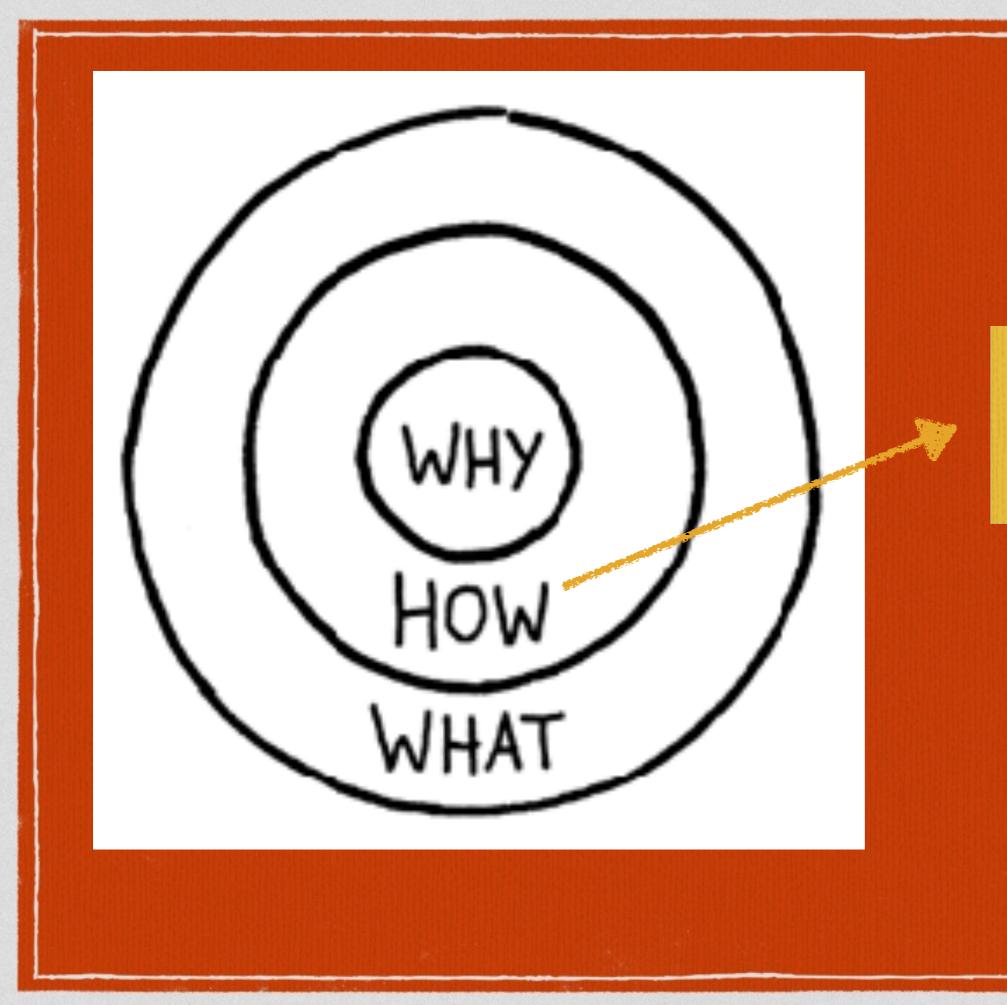
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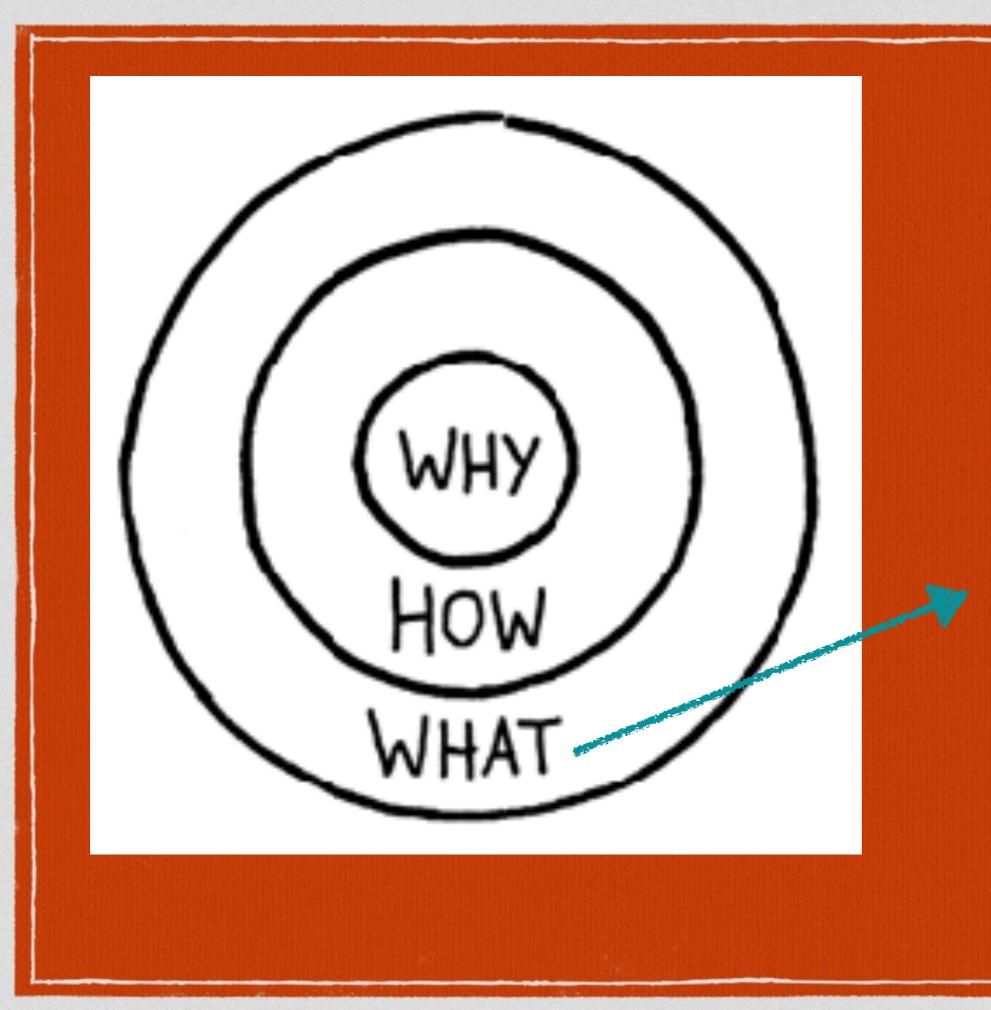
School Culture

Improve: Student Achievement Graduation Rates



School Climate

Connected Engaged Safe



Build Community with Morning Meetings

Building School Community

"Students in schools with a strong sense of community are more likely to be academically motivated (Solomon, Battistich, Watson, Schaps, & Lewis, 2000); to act ethically and altruistically (Schaps, Battistich, & Solomon, 1997); to develop social and emotional competencies (Solomon et al., 2000); and to avoid a number of problem behaviors, including drug use and violence" (Resnick et al., 1997).

8 Ways to Build Positive School Culture

1. Build Strong Relationships 2. Teach Essential Social Skills 3. Shared Vision **4. Be Role Models 5. Clarify School Rules and Expectations** 6. Teach All Students Problem Solving 7. Set Appropriate Consequences 8. Positive Praise

Resource: We Are Teachers Dana Truby

School Climate and Attendance



Why the Focus on Truancy?

"A school that does not attend to this factor, risks undermining all other efforts at school improvement." Robert Marzano, What Works in Schools

Attendance Research

□ Chronic absenteeism –

- Missing 10% or more of school for any reason

- This includes: excused absence, unexcused absence, suspension, etc.

Chronic Absenteeism is a strong indicator that a student will.....

Become disengage

□ Fall behind academically

□ Fail courses

Drop out of school

(Oregon Juvenile Crime Prevention Dropout Analysis, 2003)

Effects of Chronic Absenteeism

- \Box For the student loss of instruction, engagement, etc.
- □ For the class teachers must continually catch students up
- □ Significant increased risk of dropout
- Link between chronic absenteeism and the criminal justice system
- Life skill of dependability so important as a predictor of job success
- For students in poverty are most likely group to be chronically absent

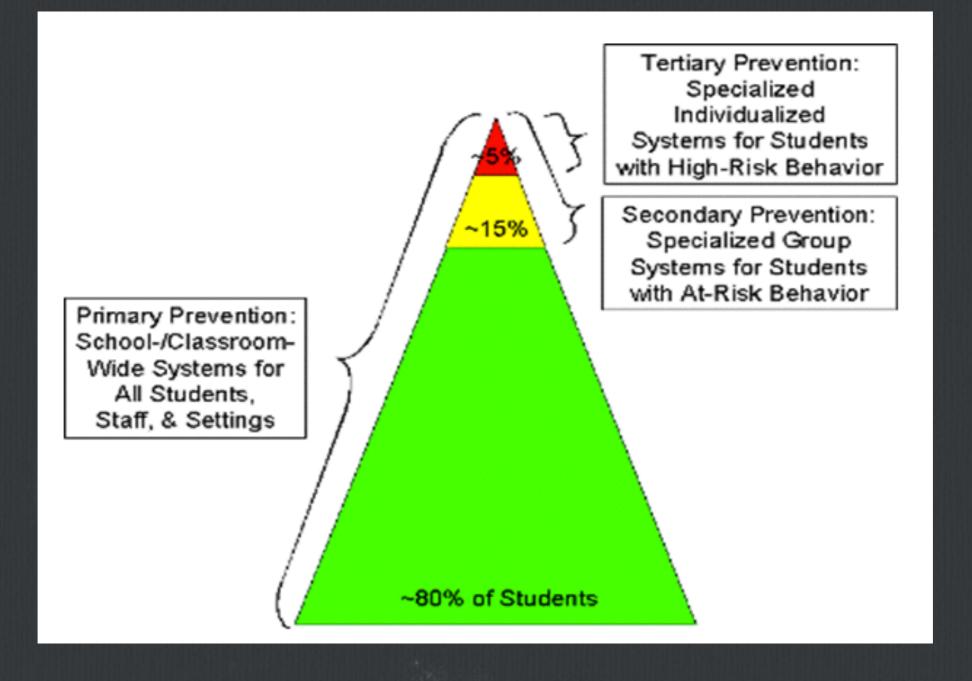
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Team Approach – data review, facilitation of interventions, follow up, etc.

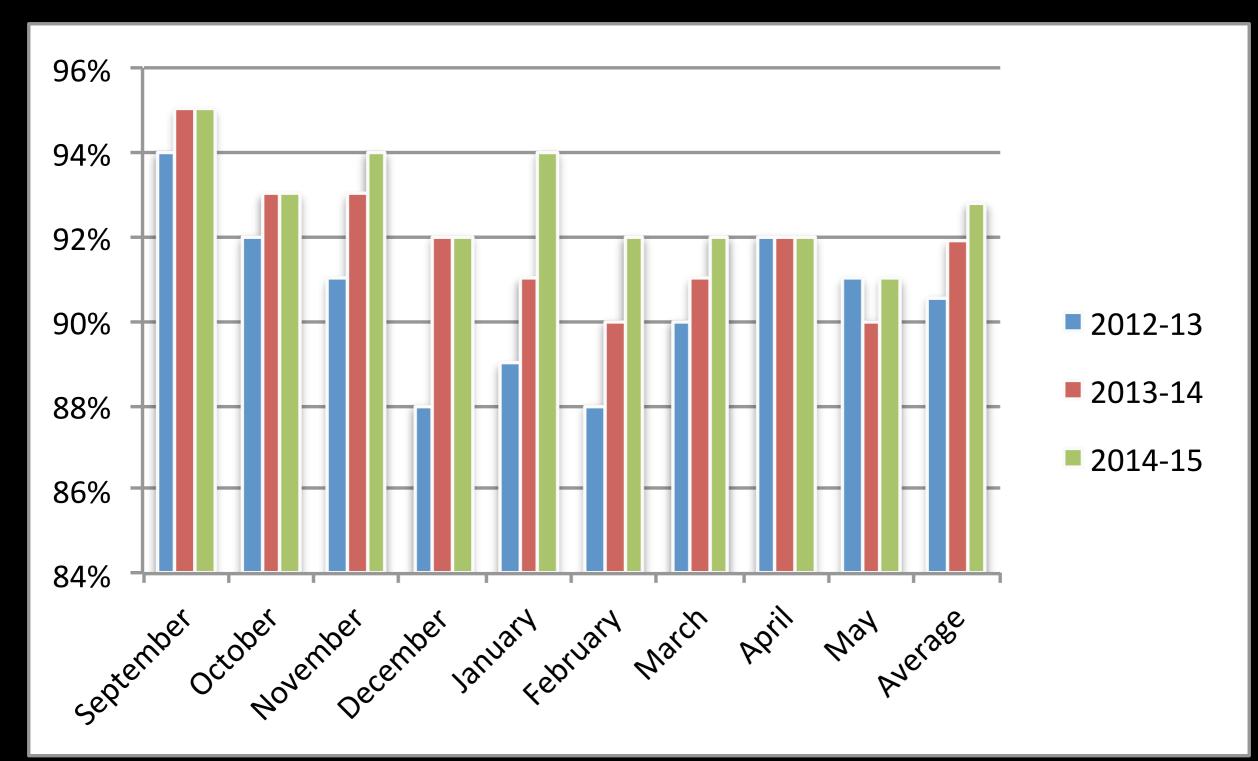
Early Identification – data from previous year, end of September data, frequency trends by month and year

EWS – Early Warning System – Attendance, Behavior, and Grades

Tiered Attendance Strategies



ATTENDANCE HISTORY



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- Build Community
- Improve Attendance
 - Student Recognition
 - Involve Students and Staff
 - Consistant Messaging
 - Make it Fresh and Fun!



MORNING MEETINGS

- Sets a tone of respect and builds a climate of trust
- Builds and enhances connects among students and between students and staff
- Merges academic, social, and emotional learning
- Motivates students by addressing the human need to feel a sense of significance and belonging, and to have fun
- Through the repetition of many ordinary moments of respectful interaction, enables some extraordinary moments

LA PINE MIDDLE SCHOOL MORNING MEETINGS



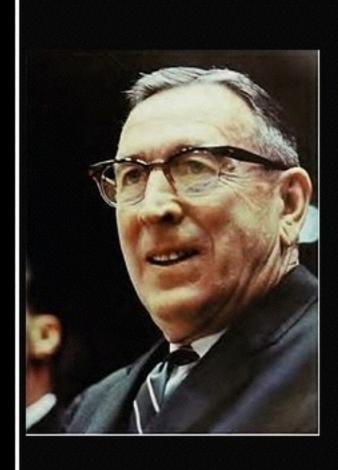
MONDAY BIRTHDAYS SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING GUEST SPEAKERS GAMES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grit Gratitude Optimism Curiosity Zest Social Intelligence Self-Control POWER CLAP

TUESDAY THIS DAY IN HISTORY COLLEGE DAY TICKET DRAWING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Teacher Guest Speaker Student Presentation ROLLER COASTER

Deal or No Deal THURSDAY Minute to Win It Just Dance STAFF HOST Vocabulary Games Skits SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING Trivia (1AMFS Pictionary FUNI ANNOUNC EMENTS



If you're not making mistakes, then you're not doing anything. I'm positive that a doer makes mistakes.

(John Wooden)

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FIREWORK

FRIDAY PICTURE SLIDE SHOW STUDENT RECOGNITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bus Awards Staff Awards Leadership Awards

SPARKLER

GETTING STARTED

- Establish a schedule for Morning Meeting
- Consider the space and setup for the meeting
- Choose and teach signals you will use consistently
- Carefully teach and reteach routines
- Start simple and increase complexity
- Purposefully plan
- Share responsibility in Morning Meeting

ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE

Monthly Theme

- Social Emotional Learning
- Character Traits

Weekly Plan

• Pattern for the week

Daily routine

• Claps, routines, daily agenda

Signals



[5, 4, 3, 2, 1]



TEACH AND RETEACH ROUTINES

Positive Reinforcement tickets school economy Reteach After vacations Student led

PURPOSEFUL PLANNING

Google Doc

- Announcements
- Host sign-up calendar
- Daily Plans

Keynote

Slides to include music and expectations

Keep the meeting moving

Morning Meeting Expectations Leave all belongings at a table or in your locker Sit in rows Be ready to participate HAVE FUN!!

SHARING RESPONSIBILITY

Staff

Announcements

Lead a game

Judge and participate in games

Share about their college

Host a morning meeting

Students

Announcements

Create slide shows and Keynotes

Participate in games

Present about a college

Host a morning meeting

QUESTIONS?

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