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雋語二:

變革及 策略性思彦





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每一位校長都聽過 策略性領導 及 變革 管理。我們都明白,而我們同時相信,在學校中萬事不虞,惟變革可期。

#### 讓我們思索一些有關變革的問題:

- 學校的資源是否均物盡其用?
- 我掌握了哪些網絡,從而得悉變化出現?
- 我的員工有什麼期望?我是否被視為變革的代理人?
- 我的學校以創新或是保守聞名?我寧愛哪一類?



「如要刷新佳績,必須堅持使用從未嘗試的方法。」

- 培根

(Francis Bacon)

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# 使用説明

#### 1. 閱讀及反思

請先行閱讀小冊子內各篇雋語摘錄。 這些摘錄可激發你思考校長職務的各 個範疇。

## 4. 轉載學習目標

把你的學習目標謄錄至《在職校長專業 發展需要分析工作簿》中的「領袖學習 日誌」。

#### 2. 鑑定意見及領悟

當你閱讀每篇雋語摘錄時,請鑑定對你及對學校而言重要的意見及領悟,並把它們記錄在後頁的「雋語學習日誌圖表」中。

## 3. 撰寫學習目標 \*

把這些意見及領悟仔細思量,並把它們轉化為學習目標。所謂學習目標,就是你在雋語中發掘並希望加深認識的事物。你毋須就每一篇雋語摘錄鑑定學習目標,而若有的話,請把它們記錄在「雋語學習日誌圖表」中。

\*學習目標就是你在雋語中發掘並希望加深認識的事物,它應與你從雋語中所鑑定的意見及領悟相關。

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# 雋語學習日誌圖表

日誌是一份記錄或日記,記載你在閱讀雋語後所取得的進展。下列為「雋語學習日誌圖表」的結構及謄錄例子。

日期	雋語摘錄	從雋語中啟發的意見及領悟	學習目標
8/5/05	雋語(六): 什麼是電子書?	什麼是電子書?它們是否合乎成本效 益?	目標: 探視在自己學校中使 用電子書的可行性 - 聯同英 文科主任及圖書館主任發展 一項計劃,研究這個提議是否 可以節省費用。

當你閱讀小冊子內各雋語篇章時,請填寫下頁的圖表,然後將學習目標謄錄至《在職校長專業發展需要分析工作簿》中的「領袖學習日誌」。

# 雋語學習日誌圖表:**變革及策略性思考**

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## 雋語摘錄一· Future Trends for Schools

Schools are under pressure to totally rethink what they do and how they do it.

- Schools no longer serve as a sifter of manpower nor a provider of terminal qualifications, but the starting point of lifelong learning.
- Primary and secondary schools are no longer seen as places for narrow vocational preparation, but are responsible for student acquisition of core capacity for lifelong learning.
- Schools are no longer the major provider of information, and hence its role of feeding information will soon deteriorate.
- Schools are now given the renewed mission of student development.
- Schools lives therefore go well beyond examinable subjects, and extend to extra-curricular and extra-campus endeavours.
- Schools will move increasingly away from "set-menu" curriculum for students, and will play a weaker role in dictating students' learning paths.
- Schools face pressure to liberate its structure and hence will blur the formal/informal as well as the private/public borders.
- Teachers will change from an information provider and examination facilitator to mentors of student development.

There is an obvious trend towards a new type of humanity in education. The last two decades have seen a shift of emphasis from the system to schools. There is a further shift of attention from schools to students. The shift is not only about the level of focus, but also a shift from hard knowledge and skills towards more intangible development of capacities within the student.

If student development is accepted as a necessary focus then all other routines in schools that are less concerned about student development should be reduced to the minimum. Education should be brought back to its very fundamental mission; education policies should concentrate on student learning; school activities should be reduced to the basics; school "management" should be brought down to the utter simplicity.

The knowledge economy and technological developments will drastically bring about a liberation of human capacities in learning. Schools and formal education in general must seek a new identification. This is the basic task of educational reform at this time of human history.

#### Extracted from:

Cheng, K. M. (2000). *Schools into the new millennium: In Quest of a New Paradigm.* Keynote address to International Council for School Effectiveness and Improvement. Hong Kong.

## **雋語摘錄二・教育決策與教育改革**

教育改革要求教師改變其教 育思維和教學習慣、培養「新世紀 人才」,這是教育決策者的意願。 對教師而言,教育決策的首要問題 是決策者在制定決策時未必有充 分考慮到教學的複雜性。教育決策 者希望教師能迅速和爽朗地改 變,卻沒有理解到教師在轉變教學 方法時,會遇到不少的質疑和挑 戰。將單向講授、練習、記誦的教 法改變為發現、綜合、協作的建構 性學習,教師需要一定的水平和勇 氣,因為這種規範性的教學轉變往 往會讓人懷疑教師是否放棄讀、 寫、算等基本能力的培養,甚至會 有人懷疑教師在教學上是否盡 責。教學的改變需時,然後才去嘗 試、去為「新法」辯護。這正好說 明教學革新不能一下子就成事。若 决策者不能理解這點,在沒有充分 考慮教學的複雜性的情況下而勉 強為教育改革定下時間表,則會出 現欲速不達的情況。

#### 本文內容摘自:

盧乃桂(2001)。教育改革潮中的教師和教師發展。【基楚教育學報】10.2:73-100.

# 雋語摘錄ミ・ Learning in the 21st Century

The construct of 'learning societies' in the 21st Century has been dominated by the enormous growth in digital media. Computers, the internet and Information Communication Technology (ICT) in general is rehaping education in the 21st Century in the same way as the printing press transformed the educational organization and the process of learning in the 19th century. Spender (2002) describes the nature of lifelong learning as we change from "the old to the new":

- From education as a right, as an established system, to learning as a commodity, where the consumer can choose (and where the learning products increasingly can be purchased).
- From education which controls entry, which regulates availability, to learning for all, to deregulation.
- From education as a qualification or credential, to learning and skilling as a lifestyle; where instead of working your way through someone else's prepackaged information, you cherry pick from all the available courses to get the skills you need for the work you want to do.
- From education as a scheduled activity, to learning any time, any place, any pace; what ever you need for as long as you want it and you only pay for what you use.
- From taking in content (studying), to making information, doing something with the resources, creating something new a solution, process, methodology.
- From memory testing, to the demonstration of performance; it's not what you know (which has little value in itself) but what you can do with it – the value is not in the known but the new.

 From competitive to collaborative practices, whereas the book, the essay and the exam have all been isolated activities, the online and networked environment allows for a much greater degree of collaboration.

#### Extracted from:

Spender, D. (2002). *e-Learning and its future*. Paper for the Conference Connecting the Future: Global summit of online knowledge networks. http://www.educationau.edu.au/globalsummit/papers/dspender.htm, March 2002.

# 雋語摘録四・ 教育改革的問題

教育的問題錯縱複雜,其改革 層面含蓋文化、價值與生活現實等 問題,而其內涵或為意識形態,或 為生存的基本需求。因此從事教育 問題的解決不但要有系統思考,更 應以堅實的教育哲學作為基礎。但 是長久以來,我們解決教育問題卻 以最簡單的思考邏輯與世俗常識 做工具,僅在表面的升學問題上不 斷耗盡資源以致衍生更多的教育 問題。「九年國教」、「自學方案」 等幾次重大的教育改革政策都是 在如此的思考與作法上失去改革 教育的契機。目前的「多元入學方 案」和「基本學力測驗」似亦掉入 如此的邏輯泥沼中。入學方式等技 術性改革可以為解決教育的手段 或過程,卻絕不能由此完成教育目 標。

 名氣。教育本質受到如此的扭曲與 物質化,自然有了大量的失敗者 如果教育改革不能將教育簡單內 內內 其內涵與本質,而仍複製簡單的 「廢除考試、輕學生負擔」的思 考模式,則教育問體不但改改 善, 上將衍生更嚴重的教育問題。

本文內容摘自:

周麗玉(2003)。推薦序: 五【誰捉弄了台灣教改?】台灣: 心理出版社。

# 雋語摘錄ጟ・ Principals and Culture

For decades, the terms climate and ethos have been used to capture this pervasive, yet elusive, element we call "culture." Although hard to define culture is extremely powerful. This taken-for-granted aspect of schools, too often over-looked or ignored, is actually one of the most significant features of any educational enterprise. Culture influences everything that goes on in schools: how staff dress, what they talk about, their willingness to change, the practice of instruction and the emphasis given to student and faculty learning. Culture is the underground stream of norms, values, beliefs, traditions and rituals that has built up over time as people work together, solve problems and confront challenges. This set of informal expectations and values shape how people think, feel and act in schools. This highly enduring web of influence binds the school together and makes it special.

School leaders from every level are the key to shaping school culture. Principals communicate core values in their everyday work. Teachers reinforce values in their actions and words. Parents bolster spirit when they visit school, participate in governance and celebrate success. In the strongest schools, leadership comes from many sources.

School leaders do several important things when sculpting culture. First, they read the culture — its history and current condition. Leaders should know the deeper meanings embedded in the school before trying to reshape it. Second, leaders uncover and articulate core values, looking for those that buttress what is best for students and that support student-centered professionalism. It is important to identify which aspects of the culture are destructive and which are constructive. Finally, leaders work to fashion a positive context, reinforcing cultural elements that are positive and modifying those that are negative and dysfunctional. Positive school cultures are never monolithic or overly conforming, but core values and shared purpose should be pervasive and deep.

What are some of the specific ways school leaders shape culture?

- They communicate core values in what they say and do.
- They honor and recognize those who have worked to serve the students and the purpose of the school.
- They observe rituals and traditions to support the school's heart and soul.
- They recognize heroes and heroines and the work these exemplars accomplish.
- The eloquently speak of the deeper mission of the school.
- They celebrate the accomplishments of the staff, the students and the community.
- They preserve the focus on students by recounting stories of success and achievement.

Ganado Primary School in Ganado, Arizona, was once identified as one of the worst schools in the state. Now the culture is one that supports learning for its Navajo students, professional innovation for its staff and meaningful parent involvement for its community. The principal, Sigmund Boloz, and his staff regularly meet for "Curriculum Conversations" about new instructional techniques and they discuss new books during "Teachers as Readers" meetings. school acclaims accomplishment of all types during the "Celebrating Quality Learning Awards." The building, whose architecture symbolizes the four directions of Navajo beliefs, has student work and the rugs of skilled Ganado weavers displayed everywhere.

Joyce Elementary School in Detroit, Michigan, has developed a strong, student-focused culture. The school is located in an economically depressed area, but its culture is rich with hope and support. Over the past 20 years, Principal Leslie Brown Jr. has worked with his staff and parents to build a place that values its students, encourages professional improvement and celebrates success. Regular classes for parents support their interest in learning. Staff hold high expectations for themselves and students. Joy and caring fill the hallways. A special honors ceremony with speeches, medallions for the students and time to reflect on personal achievement attracts hundreds of community members each year.

#### Extracted from:

Peterson, K. & Deal, T. (1998). How leaders influence the culture of schools. *Educational Leadership*, 56.1:28-31.

# 雋語摘錄六・ 重新設計學校教育

戴望舒教授於<u>重新設計學校</u>教育 (Initiating the Redesign process) 一文指出,「怎樣」及「從那裡著手」為學校再設計其教育的過程是兩個最困難的步驟。他認為我們可利用「學校之需要評估」作為整個重新再設計程序的起點。

據戴望舒教授所言,要評估學校的需要,第一步是要釐清什麼是推動學校變革的動力。這可助學校抵消變革的阻力和弄清楚「需要評估」的方向。

戴望舒教授又指出變革的動力可分為「內在」變革動力和「外在」變革動力兩種。

## 「外在」變革動力的項目一 般包括:

- 政府或教育部門頒發的教育 政策:如課程改革、賦權及校 本管理等。
- 2. 政府教育奉行的經濟政策。
- 3. 社會經濟結構轉營。
- 適齡入學人口結構及社會經濟的變動。
- 5. 父母對學校及子女的期望。
- 6. 學校間的競爭。

# 「內在」變革動力的項目一 般包括:

- 1. 學生的學業成績。
- 2. 學生的品格操行紀錄。
- 3. 教師教學的主動性。
- 4. 校本課程製作的主動性。
- 5. 教師專業精神。
- 6. 學校行政人員的主動性。
- 7. 委任教員作新的職能綱位。

當學校能全面掌握其「內在」 與「外在」的變革動力的時候,學 校便能按其優勢與弱點,初步勾劃 出未來學校發展的藍圖、目標和願 境。學校亦可在評估需要的過程中 逐步將該願境完善。

#### 本文內容撮譯自:

Dimmock. C. (2000). Initiating the re-design process: Creating the school culture. *Designing the learning-centred school: A cross-cultural perspective* (pp. 63-77). London: Falmer Press.

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# 雋語摘錄七・ 校園生態爲何變了?

如果把校園當作一個身體, 校長這個主要帶領學校的關建是頭,而手腳、血管應該是頭,而手腳、血管應的 於身體裡的五組織,至於身體裡的五腑則非老師、學生還有課程表 於所則非老師。現在讓我們先看 類部、手腳和血管。

本文內容摘自:

周祝英 (2003) 。校園生態為何變了?【誰捉弄了台灣教改?】台灣: 心理出版社。

# 雋語摘錄八· The Triplization Process

Globalization, localization and individualization are necessary components of current educational reforms. All of these processes as a whole can be taken as a *Triplization Process* (i.e., triple + izations) that can be used to discuss educational reforms and formulate the new pedagogic methods and environment to implement new curriculum for students in the new millennium.

Tripliz- ation	Conceptions and Characteristics	Preliminary Implications for Education		
Globalization	Transfer, adaptation and development of values, knowledge, technology and behavioral norms across countries and societies in different parts of the world from/to a society, a community, an institution, or an individual (teacher or student):  Global Networking  Technological, Economic, Social, Political, Cultural and Learning Globalization  Global Growth of Internet  International Alliances and Competitions  International Collaboration & Exchange  Global Village  Multi-cultural Integration  International Standards and Benchmarks	To maximize the global relevance, support, intellectual resources and initiative in schooling, teaching and learning: e.g.  Web-site Learning International Visit/Immersion Program International Exchange Program Learning from Internet International Partnership in Teaching and Learning at group, class and individual levels Interactions and Sharing through Video-Conferencing across Countries, Communities, Institutions and Individuals Curriculum Content on Technological, Economic, Social, Political, Cultural and Learning Globalization		
Localization	Transfer, adaptation, and development of related values, knowledge, technology and behavioral norms from/to the local contexts:  Local Networking  Technological, Economic, Social, Political, Cultural and Learning Localization  Decentralization to the Local Site Level Indigenous Culture  Community Needs and Expectations  Local Involvement, Collaboration and Support  Local Relevance and Legitimacy  School-based Needs and Characteristics  Social Norms and Ethos	To maximize the local relevance, community support and initiative in schooling, teaching and learning: e.g.  Community Involvement  Parental Involvement & Education  Home-School Collaboration  School Accountability  School-based Management  School-based Curriculum  Community-related Curriculum  Ability Grouping/ Classroom  Curriculum Content on Technological, Economic, Social, Political, Cultural and Learning		
Individualization	Transfer, adaptation and development of related external values, knowledge, technology and behavioral norms to meet the individual needs and characteristics:  Individualized Services  Development of Human Potential in Technological, Economic, Social, Political, Cultural and Learning Aspects  Human Initiative and Creativity  Self-actualization  Self-managing and Self-governing  Special Needs	To maximize motivation, initiative and creativity in schooling, teaching and learning: e.g.  Individualized Educational Programs Individualized Learning Targets, Methods and Progress Schedules Self Life-long Learning, Self Actualizing and Self Initiative Self Managing Students, Teachers and Schools Meeting Special Needs Development of Contextualized Multiple Intelligences		

Extracted from:

CHENG, Y. C. (2000). *Globalization, Localization and Individualization for Effective Education.* Keynote paper presented to The International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement. Hong Kong.

# 雋語摘錄え・ 價値教育與香港教育改革

在我們這個科學時代裏,科學精神中的客觀、理智,以及只相信事實證驗的態度已逐漸成為絕大部分知識分子和學術界之準則。社會學的研究強調價值中不受例明的為追求一種不受研究者感情與價值觀牽絆以達致客觀事實的發現。

#### 本文內容摘自:

劉國強 (1999)。【論價值教育與香港教育改革——個建基於哲學與文化的反省】 (教育政策研討系列之二十四)。香港:香港中文大學香港教育研究所。

# 雋語摘錄十 • Action Learning and Action Teams

Action learning describes a learning approach which takes effective action to address real work based learning and teaching challenges. The learning occurs between a group of colleagues who develop a united approach to addressing the challenges. Action learning is more than 'learning by doing' as it aims to develop a fresh perspective on existing knowledge and experience to apply to current challenges or issues. The need for review, reflection, rethinking and reinterpretation of this knowledge and experience is integral to the action learning process. (ANTA National Staff Development Committee: 1996)

# Characteristics of effective Action Learning projects

- Address challenges identified as important by individuals, teams and the school.
- Have a plan that describes how the challenges will be addressed.
- Have well-focused actions that lead to significant and enduring improvements.
- Engage a small team of colleagues in a process where they reflect on their learning, develop fresh perspectives on existing knowledge and support and challenge each other.
- Are grounded in the reality of the school and/or classroom context.
- Use actions and strategies from the available theoretical frameworks (e.g. Gardner's Multiple Intelligences, De Bono's thinking structures) to provide a 'learning edge'.
- Have a relatively short timeline, a beginning and an end.
- Address school and system initiatives, past and present.

#### Characteristics of effective action learning teams

 Are made up of staff members who work together to address identified teaching and learning challenges and engage in action learning.

- Engage in meaningful collaboration and systematic reflection so that ideas are transferred into practice.
- Assume collective responsibility for producing more effective learning for all students regardless of who teaches them.
- Address the tensions inherent in the personal and professional relationships within the learning team and avoid embattled positions.
- Experience three frames of support: personal, professional and structural. A sense of personal productive challenge and a balance between pressure and support characterises their work.
- Require knowledgeable, skilled and supportive principals who emphasise and model the importance of staff learning and shared leadership and act as coordinators and coaches.

# Incorporating action learning into the work of the school

The process involves five actions or steps that project teams can carry out once they are committed to implementing an action learning project within a school.

- 1. Select a project area.
- 2. Identify a real work 'vehicle' for the project.
- Focus the project and check its power for improving student and staff learning.
- 4. Take action.
- 5. Evaluate the project.

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## 雋語摘錄十一・ Leading School Change

Professionals who have conducted an analysis of educational change in Thailand's cultural context have suggested two propositions about leading change in schools. These may hold some lessons for Hong Kong principals.

- 1. Target formal leaders and obtain their support early in the change process. The leader's role as a catalyst for change seems necessary, particularly in schools that are undertaking reforms that run counter to deeply-rooted cultural norms. Thus, early, firm support in school leaders seems necessary for catalyzing and sustaining the transformation of schools into 'modern organisations'.
- Formal leaders must use strategies that
  counter traditional norms of deference and
  bring staff concerns to the surface so they
  may understand and address staff resistance.
  The high power distance prevalent in some
  Asian cultures creates an intriguing problem
  for change leaders. It would appear that the
  leaders may need to 'disarm' themselves of
  the most powerful tool at their disposal, power,
  in order to promote lasting change.

In the face of the principal's power and status, some school leaders tend to show deference, forestalling the initial impulse of staff to ask important questions about the innovation. Consequently, leaders often fail to collect the concerns and questions from staff at the beginning of a change. They may come to believe that they have achieved consensus where none exists. The tendency of staff to respond with surface politeness also drives resistance underground. The result is a polite, surface compliance. This also means that managers fail to tap the most important resource they possess in the change implementation process, the knowledge of their own staff.

Resistance is a natural by-product of the change process. It is something leaders must learn to work with; not something to sweep under the rug, to bludgeon into submission or even to 'overcome' through argument. To successfully foster change in

organizations, leaders must learn to look for and use resistance.

Some strategies to foster staff interest and involvement in change projects include:

- 1. Obtain and cultivate the support of informal leaders and leverage the resources of the social network to create pressure and support for change. Principals target informal leaders in the initial implementation of the reform project and maintain close contact with them throughout. Assessing the resources of the social network of the school, in some cases the community, create support for change.
- 2. Use formal authority selectively to reinforce expectations and standards consistent with implementation of the innovation. Principals over time use a variety of strategies that increase pressure for implementation. They are not afraid to use the authority of external educational constituencies, the expectations of the community and peer pressure to foster change.
- 3. Find ways to inject fun, encourage the spirit and celebrate shared accomplishments in the workplace while maintaining accountability. The skill of leadership lies in finding an acceptable balance between the pressure for change and group harmony.

#### Extracted from:

Hallinger, P. & Kantamara, P. (2000). Educational change in Thailand: opening a window onto leadership as a cultural process. *School Leadership & Management*, 20(2): 189-205.

# 雋語摘錄十二・ Bringing About Change in Schools

I suggest that what educational leaders must do to overcome the natural reluctance of teachers to try new things is to develop a mix of vital factors: Shared vision, understanding and respectful relationships are all crucial elements of a culture that fosters adult learning. This, in turn, promotes thoughtful, responsible risk-taking (educational "R&D") and craft expertise focused on real competencies for all students. But something more is needed to transform our schools -- a different kind of engagement on the part of everyone (students, teachers, parents and the community) and a new understanding of what leadership qualities nurture such engagement.

In my experience, most American public schools are bureaucracies, not communities. Bureaucracies are often managed by leaders who rely on compliance, not commitment. Subservience to authority is valued above all else. Such an atmosphere fosters the mentality among students and teachers alike that one need do only the minimum to get by. When parents are faced with inflexible, bureaucratic schools and compliance-minded managers, they are more likely to take an advocacy or adversarial stance.

By contrast, a shared sense of community nurtures active engagement in learning and collaborative problem-solving. Both students and teachers learn more and do more when they feel a part of something important that is larger than themselves and that they have helped to create. Some of the best independent, magnet, charter and new small high schools have this characteristic. They are places in which everyone does much more than the minimum. These schools are also more effective at involving parents, community members business partners in helping out and working with mentoring students through programs internships. This extended community -- and the closer adult/student relationships it encourages -- is crucial. By themselves, educators cannot possibly solve the problem of motivating all students to want to achieve at high levels. To create such learning

communities requires both new structures and a very different spirit.

Structurally, school units have to be reduced in size. Large schools need to be broken down into much smaller units within the same building -- autonomous schools-within-schools or academies in which a team of adults works with the same students (and their parents) over a longer period of time. These structures enable adults to work much more collaboratively. They also permit teachers to know students well and so better tailor learning to individual student needs and interests. As Theodore Sizer has often said, "You can't motivate a student you don't know."

The spirit of a learning community is one of shared responsibility and collaborative inquiry for both adults and students. Everyone's voice is valued. Developing such a culture requires a leader with qualities of heart and mind that are very different from those associated with the traditional role models. To get significantly better schools for all students, good management is not enough and charisma gets in the way.

Today's successful educational leaders understand that they cannot make change alone or by edict. They motivate groups to learn and to solve problems together by asking tough questions and naming the big problems while refusing to offer easy answers. They are self-aware and reflective, they seek constructive criticism and freely admit their mistakes. They are leaders who, above all, model good teaching every single day.

But there are far too few of them. Can more of our educational leaders learn to say, "I don't know?" Can they learn to trust groups to find the best solutions to the pressing challenges of "reinventing education"? Are they willing to take risks themselves and to become learners and collaborators? The future of American public education may well depend on growing numbers of new leaders who answer these questions with a confident "Yes!" and who have the courage to act on their convictions.

Five of the most common factors contributing to teachers' resistance are:

#### **Risk Aversion**

Historically, many people have entered the teaching profession because it promises a high degree of order, security and stability. As a result many educators are risk-averse by temperament, while many who thrive in the business world are risk-seekers. The educational "fads of the month" that have swept through schools for the past 30 years have served to reinforce the beliefs of many teachers that innovations are the fleeting fancy of leaders who are here today and gone tomorrow -- and so are not to be believed.

#### 'Craft' Expertise

Teachers' greatest sense of job satisfaction often derives from introducing just a few students to their "craft." Teachers have claimed that asking them to give up teaching such units would be like telling them to cut out a part of what makes them unique as human beings.

#### Autonomy and Isolation

Risk aversion and craft pride contribute to educators' reluctance to change, but the factors limiting their capacity to change are their autonomy and isolation. Fifty years ago, the opportunity to work alone for most of the day was considered a plus for many adults in our society. Autonomy equaled independence. Not so today. The problems and challenges in the workplaces of the 21st century are impossible to solve alone. That's one reason why teamwork is now the dominant mode of work nearly everywhere -- except in education. But teachers working alone cannot possibly solve the systemic problem of how to get more students to achieve higher standards. What do leaders need to do to create the will to learn how to improve student achievement? First, they must acknowledge that most teachers care about students and they want to make a difference. That's one important reason why many chose the profession initially. Thus the

challenge in motivating teachers is to help them understand what today's students need to know and be able to do for work and for effective citizenship and to help them learn better strategies for teaching all students.

#### 'Buy-in' Versus Ownership

Many school leaders say they talk to teachers about how the world is different and then provide them with workshops on new teaching strategies. But what are the real messages? 'Get kids to pass the tests, or we're in trouble . . . and here's a workshop on the new state standards to help you.' Not exactly inspirational. Yet leaders expect "buy-in" from teachers for goals and strategies that teachers have never even discussed. Indeed, one of the biggest problems faced by leaders today is how to get "buy-in."

It's the wrong question and the wrong answer. The question is how to create "ownership," not buy-in.

#### **Understanding the Urgent Need for Change**

Why do we need change in schools? When education leaders asked this question, they often give thin and inarticulate responses. How can teachers be motivated to change if leaders cannot clearly explain why it is important?

#### Extracted from:

Wagner, T. (2001). Leadership for learning: An action theory of school change. *Phi Delta Kappan*, 82(5):378-383.

## 雋語摘録十三・ Values Based Strategic Planning: Strategic Thinking

Values based strategic planning suggests that planning is founded on values. Sergiovanni's (1995) broader conception of values-based leadership states that the specification of beliefs and assumptions: "provides (schools) with a standard for determining what is good and bad, effective and ineffective and acceptable and unacceptable. Using a values-based approach for defining the role of the principal not only ensures that what principals decide to do meets acceptable standards, but also provides the school with a set of indicators that defines its educational and moral health".

The same basic philosophy holds true for school-level strategic planning. Through clarifying shared values – what the school exists to achieve – schools prescribe for themselves acceptable standards and guides for decisions.

#### Strategic thinking

Strategic plans are of little value if the people whose lives they impact are unable to think strategically.

Strategic thinking on the part of teachers and the broader school community means that they are able to engage with the strategic intent of the school in ways that empower them to question what should be going on, what could happen and what is needed to achieve those things that are highly valued by the school. The extent of strategic thinking is usually restricted to the submission of lesson plans. In such situations, it is not surprising that teachers will be indifferent to a new strategic plan for the school, since they see it as having no relevance to their lives as classroom teachers. It may also help to explain why teachers are seen as being resistant to change; their experience of it is as the victims of edicts from on high.

#### The Seven Planning Hexagons

One strategy for getting staff involved in thinking strategically is to promote the use of 'planning hexagons'. The 'seven planning hexagons' are simple cognitive devices that help people to plan activities. For example, teachers may be asked to develop a plan that would lead to improved classroom practice in the Early Childhood area of the school. The planning hexagon directs them to consider why, what, when, where, who and how they could improve what they have been doing in the context of both the structure and the culture of the classroom. In such a professional development session, the teachers are being asked to think strategically. They are to think about what they value and how it could be contained.

A useful way of providing a framework for strategic thinking is placing operational plans in seven categories:

- what happens in our classrooms;
- human resource management and development;
- 3. our management practices;
- 4. our community relations and client services;
- our building and other capital resources;
- 6. financial resources;
- 7. risk management.

Schools need to have staff involved in strategic thinking that encompasses all seven areas of concern. Having staff involved in such strategic exercises paves the way for the school to undertake major strategic planning processes.

#### Strategic Management Tasks versus Critical Operating Tasks

Another strategy for getting staff involved in thinking strategically is to distinguish between strategic management tasks (tasks that define the uniqueness of the school) and critical operating tasks (basic tasks which must be performed by the school to ensure its existence and through which it strives to achieve its mission).

The underlying principle of this approach is that effective schools pay equal attention to both operating and strategic tasks. This principle underpins the encouragement of strategic thinking amongst teachers.

#### Critical Success Factors

A third strategy for developing strategic thinking skills is the use of 'critical success factors'. Critical success factors can be defined as those factors that provide an organization with its best opportunities for achieving its mission and for ensuring that its mission is both relevant and consistent with the needs of its clients. Isolating critical success factors can be a way of both building strategic thinking and establishing a school management system.

The main purpose of critical success factors is to provide schools with information which helps them to determine whether they have been successful. Critical success factors can also be used to encourage teachers to think about the school's performance in a strategic way.

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Sergiovanni, T. (1995). *The principalship: A reflective practice perspective (3<sup>rd</sup> edition)*. Boston: Allyn and Bacon.

# 技能稽核

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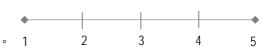
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總分



雋語二:變革及策略性思考

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