

Methods of Facilitation

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Agenda

- Ice Breaker Activity
- Facilitation Strategies
 - Planning
 - Organizing
 - Leading
 - Evaluating/Reflecting
- Processing Time
- Wrap-up





Ice Breaker

- Find someone you do not know
- Introduce yourself:
 - Name, State, Number of Years teaching
 - What are you looking forward to most with VEI?
- Share with partner an example of how you currently create a student-centered approach in a lesson, project, and/or classroom





Ice Breaker - Reflection

- Considering the examples we've shared, how much involvement did the student have in:
 - Planning (Designing)
 - Organizing
 - Leading
 - Evaluating/Reflecting



Facilitation Defined

HELP

 HELP a group of people understand their common objectives

ASSIST

 ASSIST them in plans to meet the objectives

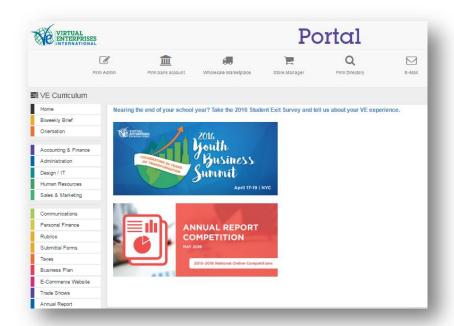
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Remain NEUTRAL –
do not take a particular
position



Planning

- Become a Master of Resources
 - Know what the <u>VE Portal</u> has to offer
 - Pacing Guide
 - Annual Activities Map



- Prepare "loose" lesson plans knowing they will be changed with student input
 - See <u>Professional Development</u> folder for examples
- Meet weekly with Chiefs
 - Calendar, Chief Notes, Company Notes, Department Tasks List



Planning

Sample 90-Minute Block		Sample 45-Minute Period		
8:00	Arrival: Sign In, To-Do List	8:00	Arrival: Sign In, To-Do List	
8:05	Status/Check-in Meeting w/ CEO, VP or Team Leaders Daily	8:05	Status/Check-in Meeting w/ CEO, VP or Team Leaders	
8:15	Break out meetings &/or		Daily	
	work	8:10	Break out meetings &/or	
8:45	Work		work	
9:15	Follow up	8:40	Debrief & To-Do	
9:25	Debrief & To-Do	8:45	List & Dismissal	
9:30	List & Dismissal			

Planning

- Executive Meeting to identify Goals & Objectives for the Week
- Status meetings to ensure progress
- Summarize and Prioritize for the following week

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Admin	Meeting* Work		Work	Work	Meeting*
Acct	Work	Meeting	Work	Work	Work
Sales	Work	Work	Meeting	Work	Work
HR	Work	Work	Work	Meeting	Work
Design/IT	Work	Work	Work	Work	Meeting



Timeline

- August/September: Business Idea, Interview Process
- October: Write Business Plan, Set-Up Departments
- November April:
 - Department Tasks
 - Professional Development
 - Trade Shows
 - National Competitions
 - Portfolio Tasks
 - Purchasing
- May June: Annual Report, Wrap-up

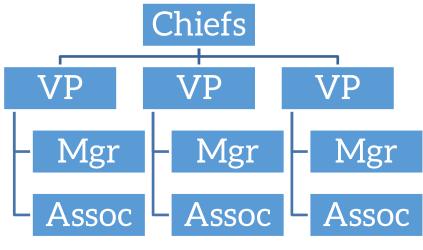


Organizing

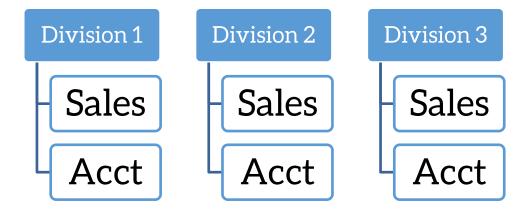
- Prepare an Organizational Chart
- Conduct Employee-led Company and Department Meetings
 - Norms, Agendas, Minutes
- Create a <u>Company Code of Ethics</u>
- Develop **Employee Handbook**
- Work with departments to develop:
 - Department Tasks List
 - Calendar
 - Weekly Log Sheet/Weekly Department Board
 - Company Notes, Department Notes
 - National Competitions



Sample Organizational Structures



Functional/Hierarchy



Divisional/Large firms





Processing Time – Planning & Organizing

Planning

- With a partner, discuss:
 - What might Day 1 look like in your classroom?
 - What strategies will you include in which the students have a large part in the planning of:
 - ✓ daily activities
 - ✓ business plan
 - ✓ department meetings
 - ✓ company meetings
 - √ department tasks

Organizing

- With a partner, discuss:
 - How can you involve the Chiefs in the organization process?
 - What strategies will you use that allows you to know what is happening without you determining who should be doing what?
- Share out



Leading

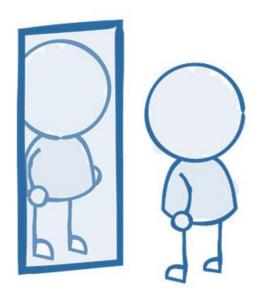


- Ask guiding questions
- Encourage employees to ask VPs and Chiefs - Not You!
- Work with Chiefs and VPs to develop leadership skills
- Professional Development



Evaluation / Reflection

- Goal Evaluation (Company, Department, Personal)
 - Weekly, Monthly
 - Business Plan
- Employee Evaluations
 - Monthly, Quarterly
- Weekly Log Sheet
- Quarterly Test
- Department Challenges
- Rubrics
- Product Monthly Checks
- Purchasing Log
- Portfolios





Processing Time – Leading & Reflecting

- Considering the ideas that were shared, brainstorm ideas to:
 - Encourage employees to see Chiefs and VPs as experts
 - Evaluate Employees
 - Track Employee Work
- Share out



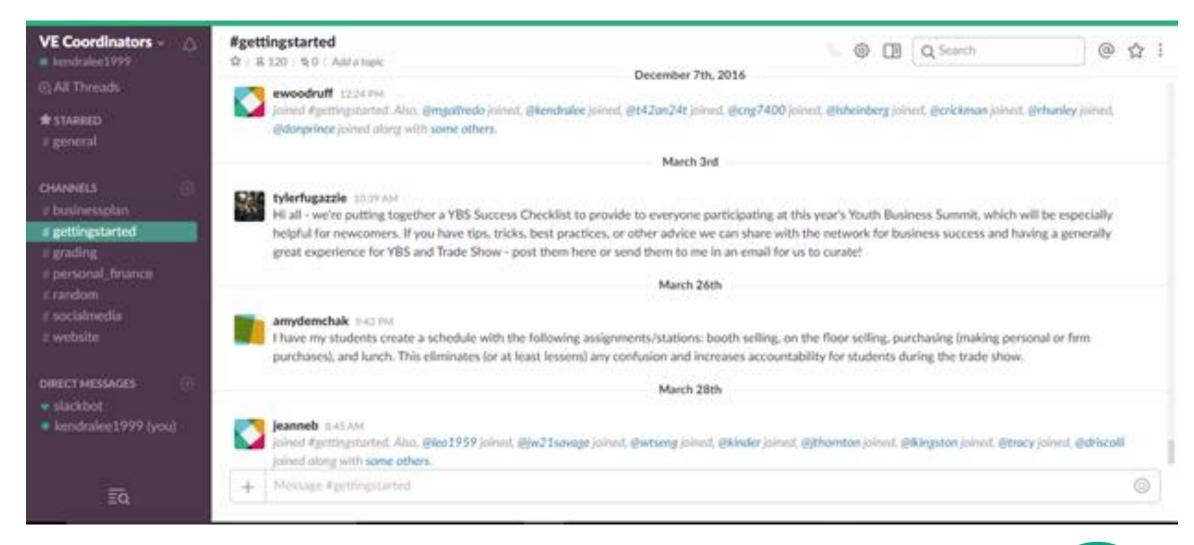
Resources

VE Portal
Pacing Guide
Annual Activities Map
Employee Evaluations
VE Briefs

Organizational Chart
Company Code of Ethics
Employee Handbook
Weekly Log Sheet
National Competitions

Slack Channel





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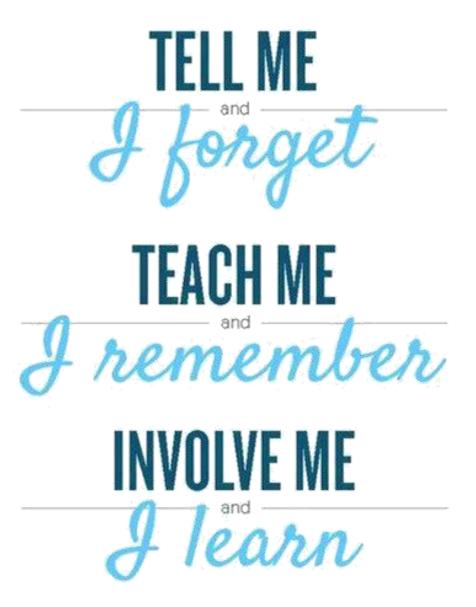


Key to Being a Successful Facilitator

- Forgive yourself daily.
- Say often, "I don't know. Let's figure it out."
- Involve the students in everything!
 - Planning, Organizing, Leading, Evaluating / Reflecting
- Know it will not be perfect. Imperfection is where true student learning will take place.
- Facilitate continuous reflection with the students.
- Continue to learn and evolve with your students.



Closing Thought



- Benjamin Franklin





Thank you

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