Leave it Better Than You Found It!

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This workshop will focus on

I. **Taking it up a notch**
II. **Transition**
III. **Your legacy**

I. How impactful are you/unit/council?

Lead the PTA way.

- **Welcome all families, school staff and community members**
- **Communicate effectively**
- **Focus on student success**
- **Identify and advocate for specific school improvements.**
- **Create a board that works like a team**
- **Collaborate**

Resources:

National Standards for Family-School Partnerships eLearning Course
Ethical Leadership eLearning Course
Cultural Competency eLearning Course

A thoughtful plan provides the foundation for a successful PTA year. Your plan should be aligned with the:

- **PTA mission**

  Every Child. One Voice.
  PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Resources *:*

- Planning Your PTA Year eLearning Course
- Running a Successful Program eLearning Course
- Local PTA Leader Kit at PTAKit.org

- **Unique needs of your school and/or community**
- Talk with the principal and teachers.
- Conduct a survey of all families to find out who they are, and what they want and need.
- Use the findings to create your plan for the year, including goals and objectives.
- Tracking progress against your goals, and adapting plans when necessary.
- Be sure to include a method of evaluating the success of your activities. This will provide critical information that can be used in planning for next year.

Don’t just think outside of the box … throw the box away!

- Staying with the tried & true is safe.
- Tradition
- Is what we have been doing still relevant?

The new and improved!

Cameron PTSA presents:

Friday, March 22 6-8pm at CIS

Cameron Intermediate School

GLOW NIGHT

$5 Admission includes:

Glow games and 3 glow sticks

Additional glow items and snacks available for purchase

2nd Grade Slime Night

“I am KEY to the work of my PTA/PTSA Unit”

Springfield Council of PTAs

- New idea
- Provide a scholarship to pay for 5 unit leaders’ registration to attend this convention.
- Essay with the prompt and to describe why they were deserving of the scholarship.
- Received great responses and some much enthusiasm.
- They found additional funding to be able to send all 7 applicants to convention.

Use this box instead and turn up the volume!

Understand …

- what it means to advocate
- it is ok to speak up for what the kids need at your school
- the right way to advocate within your district
- it is about all kids; not just yours, mine or PTA kids
- the power that our voices have collectively
- PTA makes a difference
- you are someone’s hero somewhere because of what you are doing

II. Transition
Passing the Baton (gavel)

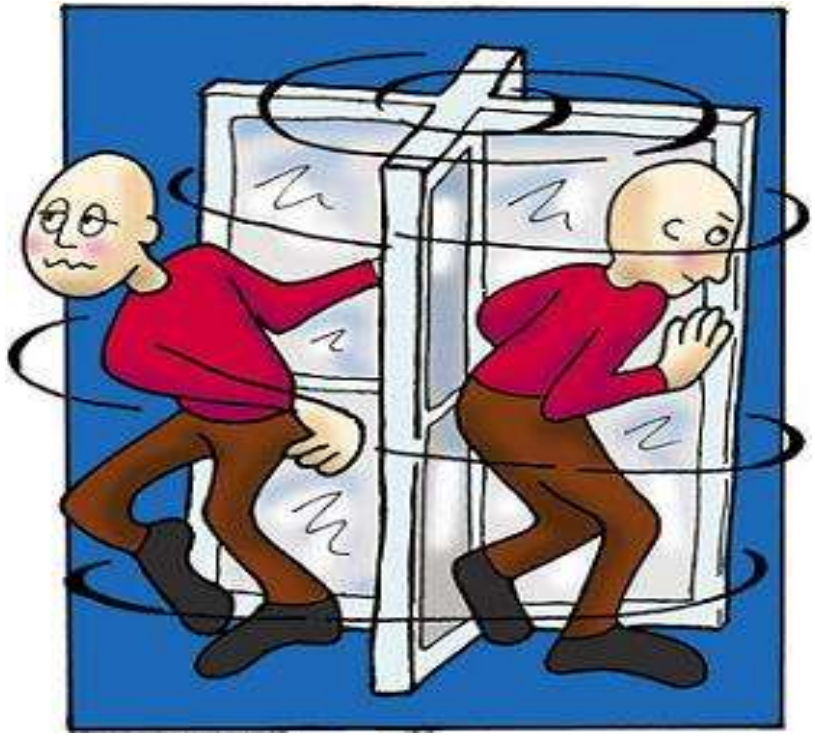
Think back to when you took the position.

- How was that transition?
- Did you receive any training prior to assuming the role?
- Did you have the resources you needed?
- What about mentoring?

How did you feel?

Is that how you want those following behind you to feel?

Break the Cycle!



Slow down the revolving door of volunteers.

"I didn't have anything when I took over and I did fine!"

"Finding out what to do is part of the job."

"I had to figure it on my own and you can too!"

"The best people, feeling undermined and put down, leave the organization and look for another hill to climb".

John C. Maxwell

Pass on Resources

- Organized
- Current
- Digital or paper or combination
- Position emails
- Cloud storage
- Login details

Training

- Share training opportunities

  (convention, regional training, schools of information, webinars, e-learning)
- Attend and learn with them

Mentoring

Provide opportunities for your board to

- develop their leadership skills
- grow their knowledge
- boost their confidence
- gain respect of others

"Good leadership is about walking beside people and helping them to climb up the hill with you."

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Celebrate with an officer installation!

- A visual transition
- Shows faith, support and appreciation of new officers
- Opportunity to thank those not returning
- During a general meeting
- Invite administration

People believed in you and your abilities when they placed you in this position of leadership . . . Pass it on

How does *Leave No Trace* apply to PTA?

The Seven Leave No Trace Principles
•Plan ahead and prepare.
•Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
•Dispose of waste properly.
•Leave what you find.
•Minimize campfire impacts (be careful with fire).
•Respect wildlife.
•Be considerate of other visitors.

Leave No Trace™
Center for Outdoor Ethics | LNT.org

Leave a good path for those who come after to follow.
Not one of chaos or like you were never there.

III. Your Legacy

What can you improve or make better?

You would not be in this position unless you cared.

Let people remember you because you made a difference by ……

“Leave this world
a little better
than you found it.”

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell,
1st Baron Baden-Powell