

A Brief Introduction to the Engagement Competency Model

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# The Engagement Competency Model

# **PURPOSE**

(CUSTOMER/CONVERGENCE)

Who are we serving?

What is our project?

#### Contribution

Delivering your core offering ever more excellently.

#### Connection

Enabling relationship and responsiveness.

#### **Heroic Cause**

Creating something worthy of loyalty and enthusiasm.

# PRACTICAL PLAY

(INFRASTRUCTURE/RELATIONSHIP)

What is our playground?

What are the rules?

#### **Structure**

Designing physical & conceptual frameworks that support Contribution & Mastery.

#### **Systems**

Designing tangible & intangible support for getting things done, sharing information & making decisions.

### Sustainability

Designing strategies & disciplines to ensure coherence, learning & evolution at every level.

# **PASSION**

(EMPLOYEES/DIVERGENCE)

How can we serve the project?

How can the project serve us?

#### Mastery

Enabling people to bring the best of their talent, passion & creativity to their work.

#### Membership

Enabling people to feel connected to work, team, organization, customer & community.

#### Meaning

Enabling people to apply their best talents toward something worthy.

= = self-integrative life



# **Mastery**

"Enabling people to bring the best of their talent, passion & creativity to their work."

#### **Characteristics:**

- Technical skill, capability to do the job well.
- Artisan, master craftsman. Work as your masterpiece. You put something of yourself into it.
- Continuous learning & improvement. Beginner's mind.
- Includes self-mastery as well as mastery of the task.
- Autonomy over work.

- Training, coaching.
- Competency Mapping.
- Personality & skill assessments.
- Leadership coaching.
- Design (in work) an artisan always incorporates unique design
- "Work to projects" rather than "work to job description".
- Balanced living: healthcare, spiritual practice, community.

# Membership

"Enabling people to feel connected to work, team, organization, customer & community."

### **Characteristics:**

- Feeling like part of a great team of people.
- Feeling connected to your work, your organization, your customer, your community.

- Values assessments.
- Interviewing & hiring for fit.
- Authentic communication ("non-violent communication") training.
- World Cafes, Open Space Technology.
- Team-building activities & resources (intranet, newsletters).
- Open-book management.
- Helping people recognize their connection to the whole.
- Shared ownership.
- Design (in connective spaces and experiences)

# Meaning

"Enabling people to apply their best talents toward something worthy."

#### Characteristics:

- Depends on individual "center of gravity":
  - Convergence: meaning = feeding self and family, being alive in this moment
  - Relationship: meaning = belonging
  - Divergence: meaning = accomplishment, triumph, being part of "the best"
  - Integral: meaning = unique, creative contribution to the whole of life, seeing/understanding the whole task,
     PLUS all of the above
- Everyone has the potential to draw on all four types of consciousness.
- The most important role of an organization is to help people tap into all the types of consciousness so that each of us – and all of society – is elevated in the process.

- Appreciative inquiry.
- Manifesto.
- Participatory culture.
- Regular collective assessment of how well the organization is evolving toward their shared vision.
- Intentional design of all aspects of life and work.

# Contribution

"Delivering your core offering ever more excellently."

#### **Characteristics:**

- What is your commodity? What is your basic product or service?
- Operational excellence.
- Appropriate pricing.
- Product quality.
- Continuous improvement.

- Six Sigma, kaizen, lean manufacturing, process improvement.
- Benchmarking.
- Outside-In.

# Connection

"Enabling relationship and responsiveness."

### **Characteristics:**

- Customers have the impression that your product is "for people like them."
- Responsiveness to their evolving needs through ongoing conversation.
- The organization is intertwined with its customers and community.

- Customer surveys, focus groups, WorkOut sessions.
- Customer participation in product design, in development of the manifesto.
- Build a community of "users".
- Social media.
- Regular open communication with the surrounding community.
- Authentic and engaging marketing.
- Design!

# **Heroic Cause**

"Creating something worthy of loyalty and enthusiasm."

### **Characteristics:**

- Standing for something heroic not as a sideline charitable offering, but within the core of your business. Every organization as a social enterprise.
- Weaving authenticity and contribution into everything the organization offers and does.
- Communicating that clearly and often.

- Theory U, "presencing," Appreciative Inquiry to identify the organization's best contributions to the whole.
- Publicly declaring the Manifesto, along with progress toward that vision.

# **Structure**

"Designing physical & conceptual frameworks that support Contribution & Mastery."

#### **Characteristics:**

- Physical artifacts, tools, resources necessary for people to do their jobs well and delivery an
  excellent product or service (buildings, desks, computers, cash registers).
- Conceptual frameworks necessary for the same ends (definitions of what constitutes excellence, what the goals are, a business model that ensures appropriate survival of the organization).

- Business planning, strategic planning.
- Intentional, life-centered design of workspace.
- Assessment of the resources required (or desired).
- Goal-setting, assessments.

# **Systems**

"Designing tangible & intangible support for getting things done, sharing information & making decisions."

#### **Characteristics:**

- The network of information and relationship throughout the organization connecting people to each other, to customers and to the surrounding community.
- The culture or "cambium" of the organization.
- The ways of using that network.
- Knowledge ecology, systemic wisdom.

- Stated values.
- Regular face-to-face interactions (occasionally "hosted").
- Wiki-based procedures manuals.
- Newsletters.
- Open-book management.
- Information technology, social media.
- Hosting and nurturing conversations that matter. Storytelling.
- Abolishing fear. Nurturing an appreciative culture, one of curiosity and interest about how things are emerging and how the organization can respond.
- Enterprise 2.0, knowledge management.

# Sustainability

"Designing strategies & disciplines to ensure coherence, learning & evolution at every level."

#### **Characteristics:**

- Disciplines of learning and innovation.
- Environmentally and socially responsible actions.
- Transparency.

- Regular assessment of actions and outcomes against the manifesto.
- Design Thinking as an organizational mindset.
- Regular sensing of the organization's context: competitive, environmental, social.
- Dashboards.
- Scenario Planning.
- Strategic planning.
- Benchmarking.
- Assessing progress.

# Business Is Now Too Complex To Survive On Material Competitive Levers Of Scale, Efficiency Or Even Features

# **New Competitive Levers**

# 1. Purpose Powers Profit

Connecting with customers to create value and loyalty.

# 2. Passion Powers Performance

Engaging people to implement strategy effectively.

# 3. Practical Play Powers Progress

Harnessing relationships, learning and creativity to drive evolving value.

<u>Implication</u>: Business survival depends on these organizational competencies -- in other words, your organization's intrinsic ability to engage life.



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