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Blue Sky The Best of Ted Talks on Leadership -



	<p>From Ted – Margaret Heffernan – “Dare to Disagree” (Click Here)</p> <p>“Writer and former five-time CEO Margaret Heffernan reminds the audience of the power of disagreeing. Conflict can help leaders grow by learning from others and defending an opinion.”</p> <p>A great Ted Talk on how we need conflict and disagreement in order to help us, and our organizations grow.</p>
	<p>From Ted – Roselinde Torres – “What it Takes to be a Great Leader” (Click Here)</p> <p>“Leadership expert Roselinde Torres suggests that most companies don’t give employees the skills to lead. Citing cases of talented leaders who failed and caused adverse consequences for a businessand why do some leadership training programs fail, and what are the ones that are doing it right?”</p> <p>The importance of constantly fine-tuning your leadership skills, reading and developing leadership for the future.</p>
	<p>From Ted – Sheryl Sandberg – “So we leaned in...now what? (Click Here)</p> <p>“In this interview-style TED Talk, former Meta COO Cheryl Sandberg discusses being nervous to speak openly about women leaders. She touches on feeling insecure, being a mother, and sensing she didn’t belong.”</p> <p>Amazingly real, raw and honest, this talk is not a presentation but a conversation, leading to some real deep truths and emotions on leadership.</p>
	<p>From Ted -- Celeste Headlee -- 10 Ways to Have a Brilliant Conversation (Click Here)</p> <p>Celeste Headlee “tackles the notion of avoiding honest conversations for fear of an argument.”</p> <p>Headlee gives her list of ten pieces of advice that will help leaders have a conversation with anyone.</p>

Blue Sky Banning Cellphones in School

	<p>EFFECTS OF CLASSROOM CELL PHONE USE ON EXPECTED AND ACTUAL LEARNING (Click Here)</p> <p>“The present studies combined survey and experimental methods to determine student expectations about and actual performance under cell phone use conditions”</p> <p>Real results declined 27% in this study when texting occurred in the classroom. The study also provides instructive commentary on how teacher practice can reduce texting and distractibility and therefore improve results if cellphones are allowed in class.</p>
	<p>The Use of Mobile Phones in Classrooms: A Systematic Review (Click Here)</p> <p>From the introduction: “Two opposing standpoints exist at present regarding the use of mobile phones in education. On the one hand, there are those who praise the virtues of mobile devices in education. They argue that functions such as Internet access, the capacity of the use of educational applications and their use as ‘clickers’ or as readers justify their place in the classroom. On the other hand, the discourse exists that magnifies the negative effects of these devices on education, such as their potential to distract, their use in cheating in evaluations, cyber-bullying and access to inappropriate content [1]. In fact, these are the same discourses and the same benefits and disadvantages that have been mentioned since the arrival of the computational model.”</p> <p>A must read based on sixty studies on cellphone usage in schools. Their conclusions weigh the advantages over disadvantages and come to an answer.</p>
	<p>Why Cell Phones Should Be Allowed in Schools — 11 Reasons Based on 16 Research Studies (Click Here)</p> <p>This article from “Science and Literacy” is clear about the advantages of allowing cellphones in classrooms.</p> <p>In any healthy debate within a school setting, it is critical to bring research from both sides of the question. As you establish a team to look into this issue, find equal parts research from each side (if possible) and debate the merits base on the “facts”.</p>

Blue Sky – The Importance of Leadership Retreats and Some Ideas

	<p>10 Elements Of A Great Retreat And Why Your Team Needs One (Click Here)</p> <p>“Everyone can benefit from a fresh perspective and a larger purview. Teams need to build capacity to see the larger patterns at play and the overall impacts of choices and changes.”</p>
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	<p>Sometimes it's just never top of mind, but taking your team away to refresh, reflect, connect, and engage in Strategic Thinking is critical. This quick list provides great food-for thought on planning a retreat.</p>
	<p>EMPOWERING LEADERS: HOW LEADERSHIP RETREATS SHAPE VISIONARY MINDS (Click Here)</p> <p>“Stepping away from our daily responsibilities can have a profound impact on our personal and professional growth. Retreats provide an opportunity to disconnect from the noise and demands of everyday life, creating an environment conducive to reflection and self-discovery.”</p> <p>Rather than the quick list of necessary attributes of a successful retreat, this is a deeper dive into the value of getting away.</p>
	<p>Why Retreats Don't Work and What to do About it (Click Here)</p> <p>“The very best retreats are pivotal moments for the team. You vividly remember the retreat-the activities, outcomes and the “feel” of the event. The retreat is a milestone; conversations include references to the retreat: Was that before or after the retreat? I have seen retreats begin profound transformation in teams. I've also seen them used to support on-going transformation.”</p> <p>This one resonated with me as it outlined why retreats don't work, but then provides solutions. Critical reading to ensure you don't make one of these critical mistakes as you contemplate your retreat.</p>

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