

To: Veterans Committee

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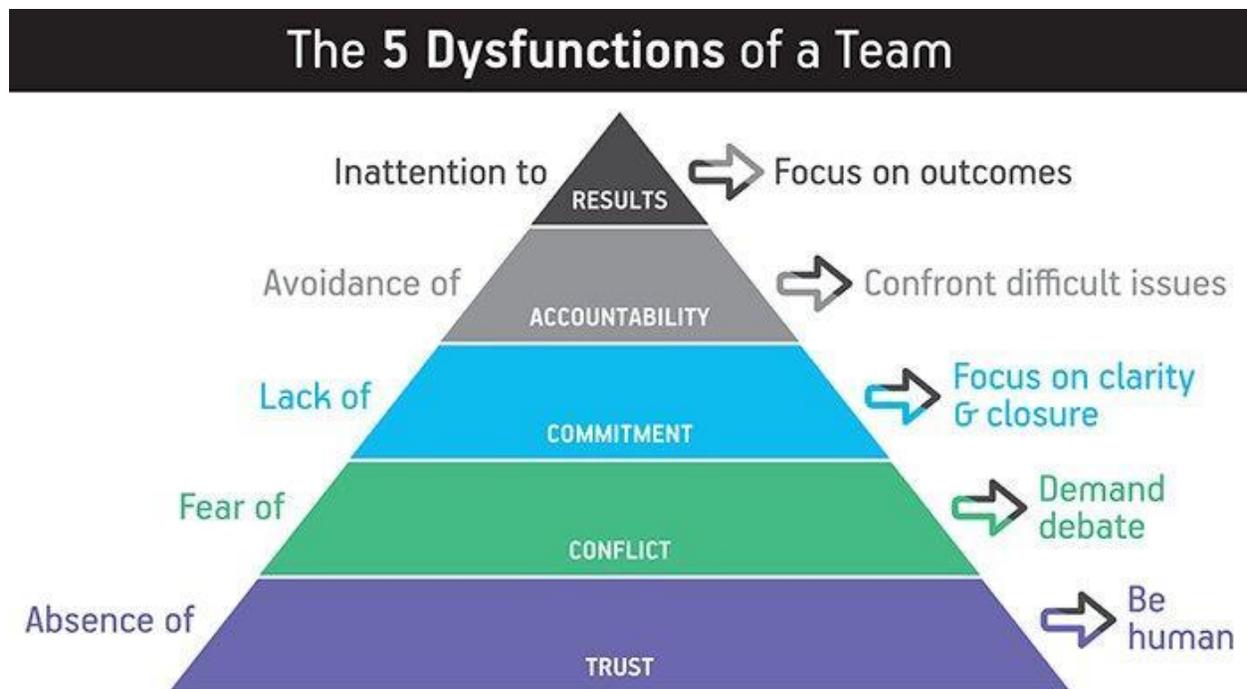
Subject: Minutes of March 18, 2021

Present: Charles Heidelberg, Denise Lindsley, Tracey Corett, Chris Cockrel, Ezra Bell, Lisa Peet, Robyn Schieber

Not present: Marty Adams, Delia Baker, Trice Batson, Russ Panico, Don Mcuitty

Meeting opened with introductions of each committee member.

Charles recommended a book to read called the Five Dysfunctions of a Team by Patrick Lencioni



Main topic of discussion was the draft of the Code of Conduct for review.

The code of conduct is a checks and balance that each veteran should adhere to and aligns with the KVCC Student Handbook. Please see attached Code of Conduct.

Question:

How do we provide veterans a safe place to let off steam and still be within the code of conduct and rules of the college?

Answer:

Space is key to letting our veterans have a safe place. Have the veterans police themselves. They should each be expected to self-monitor as well as set example for new veterans coming into the lounge. Be cognizant of your surroundings. Consider other alternatives for assisting the veteran who is in need of venting.

Question

What are some of the obstacles or an issue you have encountered while supervising in the Veteran Lounge?

Occurrence 1

Many complaints on the noise and language that comes from the veteran lounge is a disturbance to others outside the direct area of the lounge.

Answer:

To have the swipe lock put back on the door. Only veterans will have the ability to swipe their ID to enter the lounge. By keeping the door closed would help minimize the noise coming from the lounge. Again being cognizant of your surroundings

Occurrence 2

Veteran student leaving a child unsupervised in the lounge. Childcare is an issue for many veteran students as well as civilian students.

Answer:

Childcare needs to be addressed. Children should not be left in the veteran lounge unattended. This is an ongoing issue we will discuss at future meetings.

Please email comments and any changes you would like to see for the Code of Conduct to cheidelberg@kvcc.edu

Thank you for the time and energy. Conversation with current and past veterans. Thank you for the support you have given.

Next meeting in three months. Please watch for a calendar invite.

Plans to invite some of our veterans to meeting

Topics of discussion for next meeting

Veterans Memorial wall

SVA fundraiser for wall.

Ideas for solution to Childcare

Safe place for Veterans to vent

Code of Conduct, Veterans Lounge

- The Veterans Lounge is a public area. It is maintained for the use of student, faculty, and staff veterans as well as their dependents currently using GI Bill benefits.
- The Veterans Lounge is a privilege. It is intended to give veterans a place to relax and interact with their veteran peers but it is not a free for all.
- Those in the Veterans Lounge are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner. Students must respect furnishings, equipment, fellow veterans, students and staff. Disorderly conduct including but not limited to inappropriate and disrespectful behavior, insulting and/or obscene language, intoxication, excessive noise (loud enough to draw attention from common areas adjoining the lounge), and “displays of affection” are prohibited.
- Students in the lounge must continue to comply with all standards of conduct included in the Kalamazoo Valley Student Handbook.