

TLF Strategic Bootcamp: Transforming Ideas into Action

Quick Reference Guide

1. Define Your Strategic Project

A. Identify the Problem:

- **Question:** What have you noticed?
- **Tip:** Clearly state the issue or opportunity you're addressing. Be specific and focused.

B. Clarify the Purpose:

- **Question:** Why does this matter?
- **Tip:** Connect the problem to your school's vision, mission, or overall goals. Why is solving this important?

C. Assemble Your People:

- **Question:** Who's on your team?
 - **Tip:** Gather people with enthusiasm and expertise. Consider who can best contribute to your project's success.
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2. Visualise the Outcome

A. Picture the Future:

- **Question:** What do you see?
- **Tip:** Imagine the successful outcome. What will it look like when the problem is solved?

B. Establish Guiding Principles:

- **Question:** What are the non-negotiables?
 - **Tip:** Define the key principles or rules that will guide decisions throughout your project.
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3. Make Strategic Decisions

A. Set Milestones:

- **Question:** What will we do?
- **Tip:** Break down your project into actionable steps. Identify the key milestones that need to be achieved.

B. Define the Scope:

- **Question:** What will we see?
- **Tip:** Clearly outline the scope of the project. What will be included and what will not?

C. Measure Success:

- **Question:** How will we know?
- **Tip:** Establish indicators to gauge the success of your project. These should be realistic and aligned with your goals.

4. Engaging and Communicating

A. Create Excitement (PR):

- **Question:** How do we capture imagination?
- **Tip:** Develop a communication plan that generates enthusiasm. Share the vision and benefits of your project widely.

B. Identify Beneficiaries:

- **Question:** Who will benefit?
- **Tip:** Understand who will gain from the project. Consider both direct and indirect stakeholders.

5. Planning for Action

A. Define Practicalities:

- **Question:** What? Who? When by? How will we know?
- **Tip:** Be clear on the logistics:
 - **What** needs to be done?
 - **Who** is responsible?
 - **When** does it need to be completed by?
 - **How** will you monitor progress?

B. Allocate Resources:

- **Tip:** Identify the resources you need—time, money, materials, and people. Ensure they are available and allocated appropriately.

C. Adaptability:

- **Tip:** Be ready to adjust your plan as new information or challenges arise. Flexibility is key to successful strategy implementation.

6. Final Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Problem Defined | <input type="checkbox"/> Milestones Identified |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purpose Clear | <input type="checkbox"/> Scope Outlined |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Team Assembled | <input type="checkbox"/> Measures of Success Established |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vision Visualised | <input type="checkbox"/> Communication Plan Ready |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guiding Principles Set | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Allocated |

Remember: Good strategy is about clear thinking, precise action, and continuous adaptation. Use this guide to keep your project on track, and don't hesitate to seek feedback and make adjustments as needed.

This TLF guide provides participants with a clear and concise tool to reference as they work on their strategic projects during the workshop.