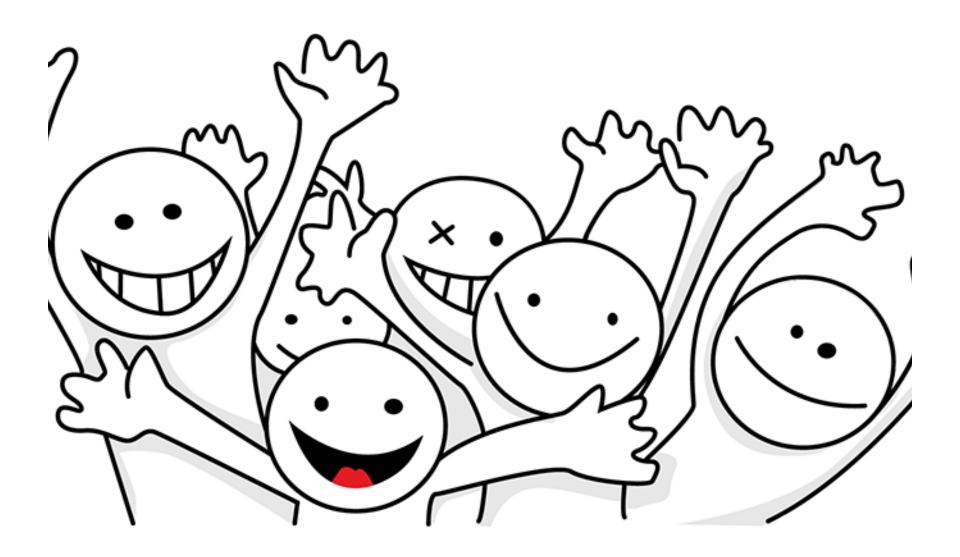
# **Dream Team**



# What are learning oriented Teams?

When one person has to cover all areas:
 It is more time consuming and less creative.

WHAT do the teachers expect?

- Sharing of ideas in all the stages of development
- Sharing of knowledge in all the stages of development
- One team member has the responsibility but is not the one to do everything within the responsibility area
- Learning over nice details in all aspects.
- Learning over quantity in the prodution.
- Communication skills- how are decisions taken?

# **Professional Group Work**

- Work 7+ hours every day
- Short meetings in the morning → work
- Daily update of Kanban Chart: To do, Doing, Done
- Short Brief about todays work and obstacles (one by one)
- Active listening: while a member explains an idea, all other members try hard to understand the idea without interrupting with own ideas.
- Kill your darlings and accept that the rest of the team might have another opinion (and not the best).
- Don't criticize the person. Only criticize the opinion!
  (and argue why the opinion is less optimal)

## Characteristics of a High Performing Team / 13

### Purpose and Values

- The team has a clear commitment to a common purpose. Team members know what the team's work is and why it is important.
- 2. Common values and norms promote integrity, quality and collaboration.
- 3. Specific team goals are clear, challenging, agreed on and relevant to the purpose.
- 4. Strategies for achieving goals are clear and agreed on.
- Individual roles are clear, and their relationship to the team purpose and goals is understood.

#### **Empowerment**

- Values, norms and policies encourage initiative, involvement and creativity.
- All relevant organization and business information is readily available to the team.
- 8. The team has the authority, within understood boundaries, to take action and make decisions.
- Direction, structure and training are available to support individual and team development.
- The team is committed to the continuing growth and development of all team members.

### Relationships and Communication

- Different ideas, opinions, feelings and perspectives from all team members are encouraged and considered.
- Team members listen actively to each other for understanding, not judgment.
- Methods of managing conflict and finding common ground are understood.
- Cultural differences including race, gender, nationality, age, etc., are valued and respected.
- Honest and caring feedback helps team members to be aware of their strengths and weaknesses.

#### Flexibility

- Team members share responsibility for team development and leadership.
- 17. The team is able to meet challenges using the unique talents and strengths of all team members.
- Team members shift from behaviors that provide direction or support as needed.
- The team is open to exploring different ways of doing things and adapts to change.
- Calculated risks are supported. Mistakes are seen as opportunities for learning.

### **Optimal Performance**

- 21. The team constantly produces significant results; the job gets done.
- The team is committed to high standards and measures for productivity, quality and service.
- The team is committed to learning from mistakes and to continuous improvement.
- 24. Effective problem-solving and decision-making skills overcome obstacles and promote creativity.
- 25. The team coordinates efforts with other teams, vendors and customers as appropriate.

#### **Recognition and Appreciation**

- 26. Individual and team accomplishments are often acknowledged by team leaders and team members.
- 27. Team members have a sense of personal accomplishment in relation to task contributions.
- 28. Team contributions are valued and recognized by the larger organization.
- 29. Team members feel highly regarded within the team.
- 30. The team celebrates successes and milestones.

#### Morale

- 31. Team members are confident and enthusiastic about the team's efforts and are committed to success.
- 32. The team encourages hard work, as well as having fun.
- 33. There is a strong sense of pride in and satisfaction with the team's work.
- 34. There is a strong sense of trust and team spirit among team members.
- Team members have developed supportive and caring relationships and help each other.