Board Retreat Topics - The "Menu" of Choices

Roles and responsibilities of governance and leadership

- ☐ Affirmation of "Principles of Good Practice" for effective governance
- ☐ Governance and Leadership - policy-level vs operational-level
- ☐ Policy refinement and development
- ☐ Oversight
- ☐ Strategic leadership
- ☐ Change management

Building and sustaining an effective board

- ☐ Recruiting and orienting replacements
- ☐ Board self appraisal
- ☐ Board professional development
- ☐ Ensuring good member behavior
- ☐ Finding the balance between micromanagement and rubber-stamping

Building and sustaining the school's leadership

- ☐ Supporting the Head of School
- ☐ Head of School evaluation tools
- ☐ Relationship between Chair/Board and Head of School
- ☐ Head of School Search

Conducting business

- ☐ Agendas/Meetings/Minutes
- ☐ Structure and function of committees and task forces
- ☐ Between-meeting behavior
- ☐ Decision making
- ☐ Code of ethics
- ☐ Board norms
- ☐ Relationship with the community

Establishing and sustaining strategic direction for the school

- ☐ Clarifying and affirming mission, vision, values, and objectives
- ☐ Aligning school practice to the vision
- ☐ Financial planning model
- ☐ Facilities planning framework
- ☐ Strategic Thinking and Strategic Planning

Monitoring quality

☐ Measuring board as well as school goal attainment
☐ Identifying key indicators
☐ Using data to inform action
☐ Celebrating and communicating success

Board Goal-setting

☐ Identify, understand, prioritize, and select goals for the Board for the year
☐ Designate responsibilities and timelines for development of Action Plans to achieve Board goals

Other

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