

Who's coming to the table? Re(considering) missional Christian school communities

ACSI EC Leadership Institute

Some reminders

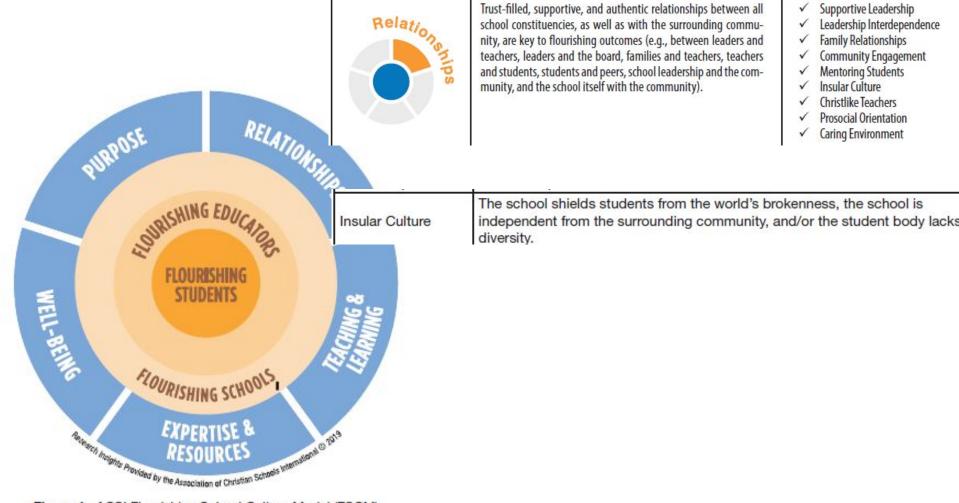


Figure 1. ACSI Flourishing School Culture Model (FSCM)

Questions for reflection

Have I/we modeled the Great Commission and Great Commandment within our school, as I/we have engaged with a broken world and broken people?

How have I/we facilitated opportunities for staff and students to engage in developmentally appropriate ways with the broken world around them?

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What is school culture?



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Culture as an Iceberg

Visible Cultural Expressions

Food, clothing, music, dance, popular culture...

Surface External Top 10%

Language & Communication Verbal and Non-verbal

Facial expressions, gestures, eye contract, personal space, touching, body language, conversational patterns in different social situations, handling and displaying of emotion, tone of voice.

Relationships & Roles

Gender roles, ideas about leadership, decision-making models, friendship, designation of status based on positions (e.g., age, gender, job), dating and courtship practices, marriage, notions of child-rearing (and how children behave in places of worship), courtesy & manners, elders, adolescents, dependents, age.

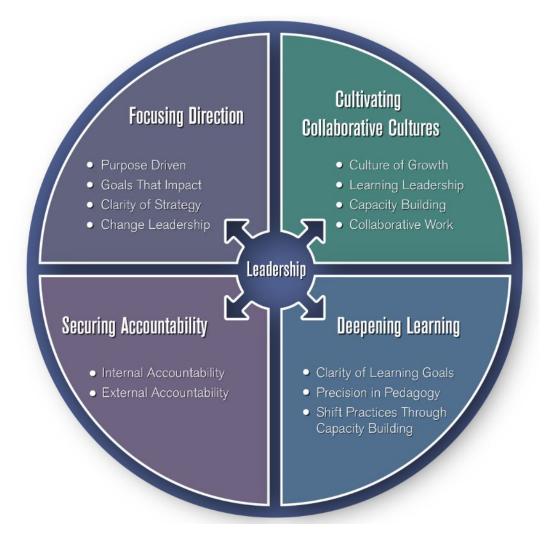
Beliefs & Values

World view, concept of humans in relation to the world, religious beliefs & practices, ideas about modesty, concepts of time, understanding past & future, fairness & justice, cooperation vs. competition, relationships with animals, virtues, sin, death.

Attitudes & Norms

What we expect of ourselves & others. authority, power, cleanliness, modesty, beauty, rules, expectations.

> Deep Internal 90%

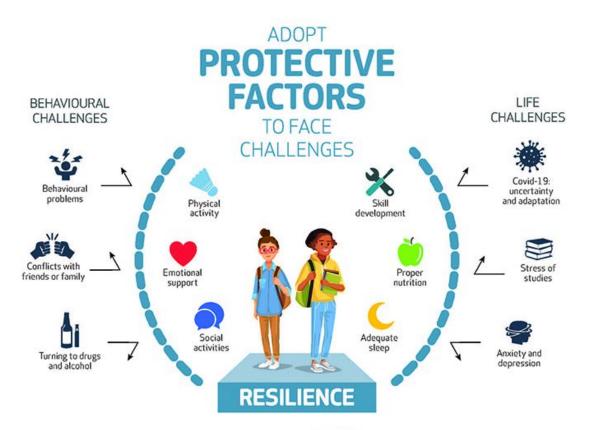


Michael Fullan
Motion
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Learning

So what does this have to do with insular

culture?

What is the purpose of the Christian school?







I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

John 17:15-16

https://www.wccstl.org/sermons/series/living-in-the-tension



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Let's get a bit uncomfortable.

"God did not have to make rainbows. He could have just said it in black and white, 'I will keep covenant with the earth' but instead he chose to use a rainbow."

Calvin Seeveld, Rainbows for the Fallen World, 1980

"Not only is the Christian school called to exhibit justice in its educative practice and structure, but it is also called to teach for justice." [italics in original]

Nicholas Wolterstorff, *Educating for Life*, 2002, p. 282

"... I would have you consider that instead of producing competent, well adjusted students, maybe our schools should be producing competent, maladjusted students. By maladjusted students, I don't mean those who are psychologically unhinged, but rather those who have developed a keen sense of the discrepancy between the world as it is and the world as it ought to be. You see, maladjusted kids would find the hedonism, relativism, and racism of our day to be profoundly unsettling. Maladjusted kids would dream about and begin to work for a world characterized by justice, compassion, and moral integrity."

Stephen Kaufmann, Schools As Communities, 2007, p. 64.

10 Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?"

11 "No, Lord," she said.

And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more." (John 8:10-11, NLT)

The Bible is more communal than individual.

Jesus teaches us to pray "Our Father" not "My Father."

Paul uses the phrase "our Lord" 53 times and "my Lord" only 1 time.

"Jesus is my personal saviour" is not found in Scripture.

We are the people of God. We belong to each other. @richvillodas (*The Deeply Formed Life*, 2020)

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