WEAKEST LINK FIXING ADVISORY FOR GOOD

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Problem: Advisory can be a weak link.

Prescription: Align the Advisory Program with the mission and vision of the school.

Process: UbD ... Explore + Engage + Reflect



PALMER TRINITY S C H O O L

Miami, FL

"Reimagine Advisory" 2016-2023

What do you want from this session?

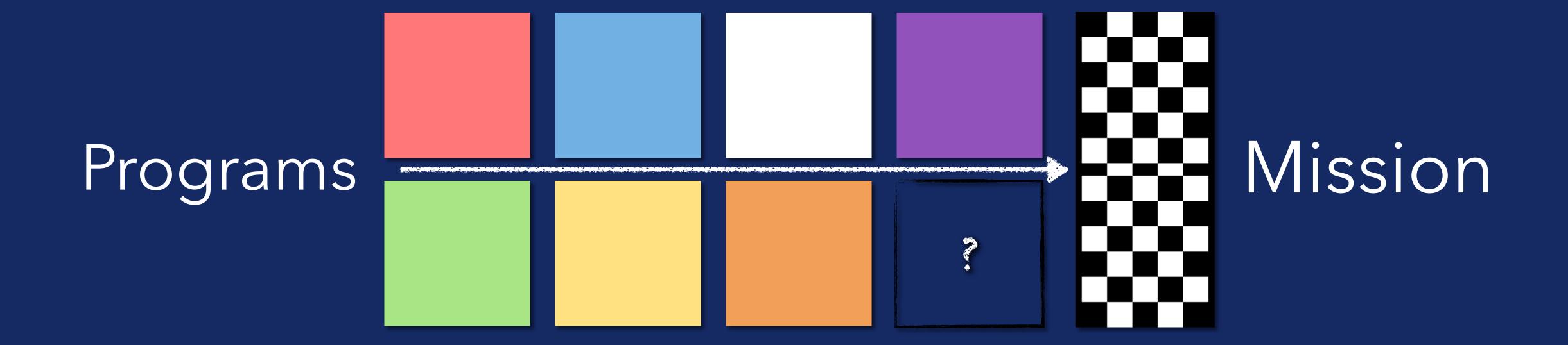
Why does our advisory program exist?

or

How does it support our school mission and vision?

or

What unique space might the advisory program fill?







"Palmer Trinity is an Episcopal school dedicated to promoting academic excellence and inspiring students to lead lives of virtue, humanity, and spirit."

Present and practice the mindsets, skills, habits necessary for scholarly growth and success.

GROW

BE GOOD

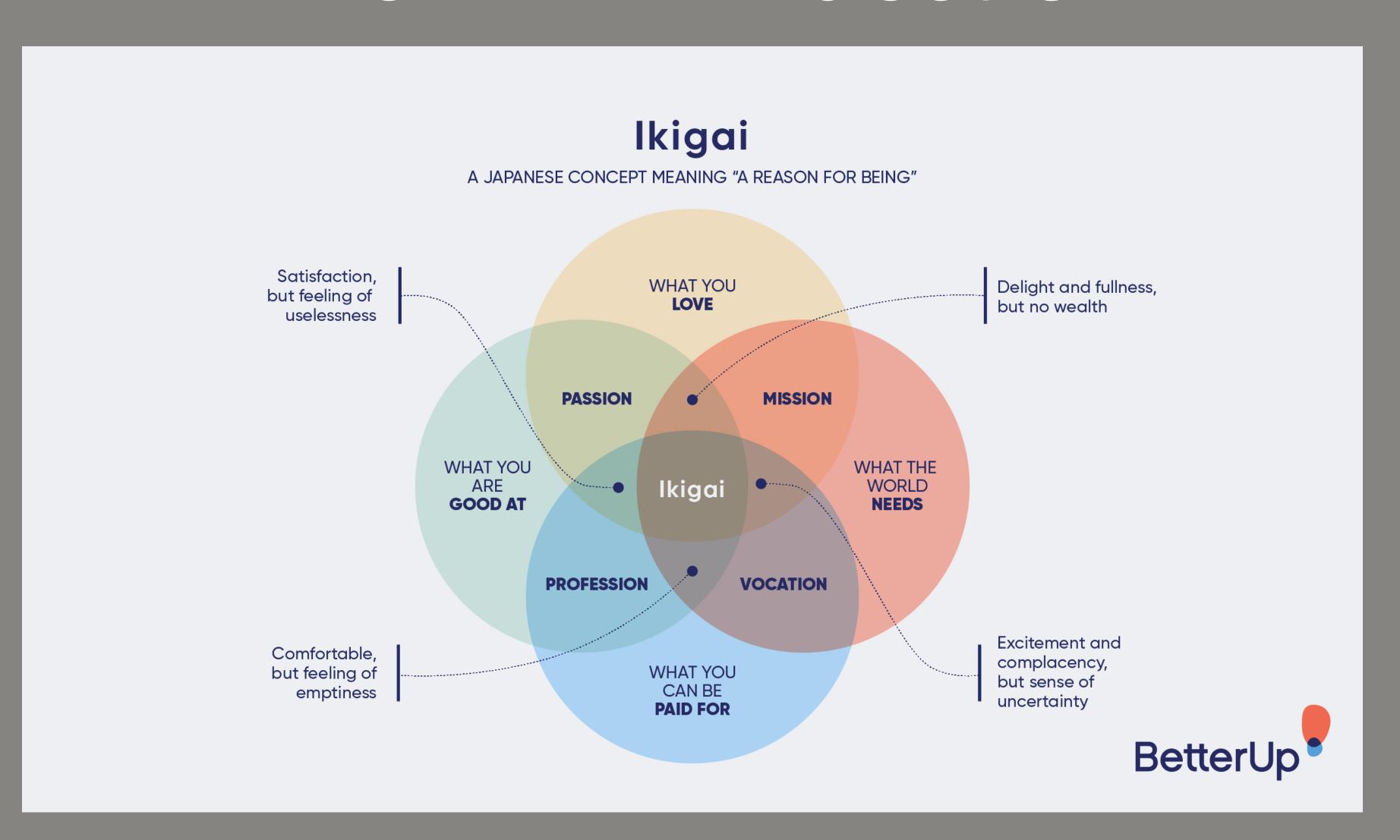
THRIVE

Cultivate belonging.
Holistic well-being.
Meet students in
dialogue.

Why does our advisory program exist?

Articulate why your advisory program exists by defining the unique space it fills.

Bonus: 'Studentify' your school mission.



PAUSE

Who might our students be when they depart?



PTS' Portrait of a Graduate

PASSIONATE LEARNERS

who pursue enlightenment and learning across disciplines with curiosity and determination.

INDEPENDENT THINKERS

who apply their critical thinking abilities to engage in discourse about complex intellectual and ethical problems.

GLOBAL CITIZENS

who strive to recognize their universal humanity and appreciate their responsibility towards each other and the world.

PROBLEM SOLVERS

who work with others to find diplomatic resolutions to challenge and change.

CRITICAL LISTENERS

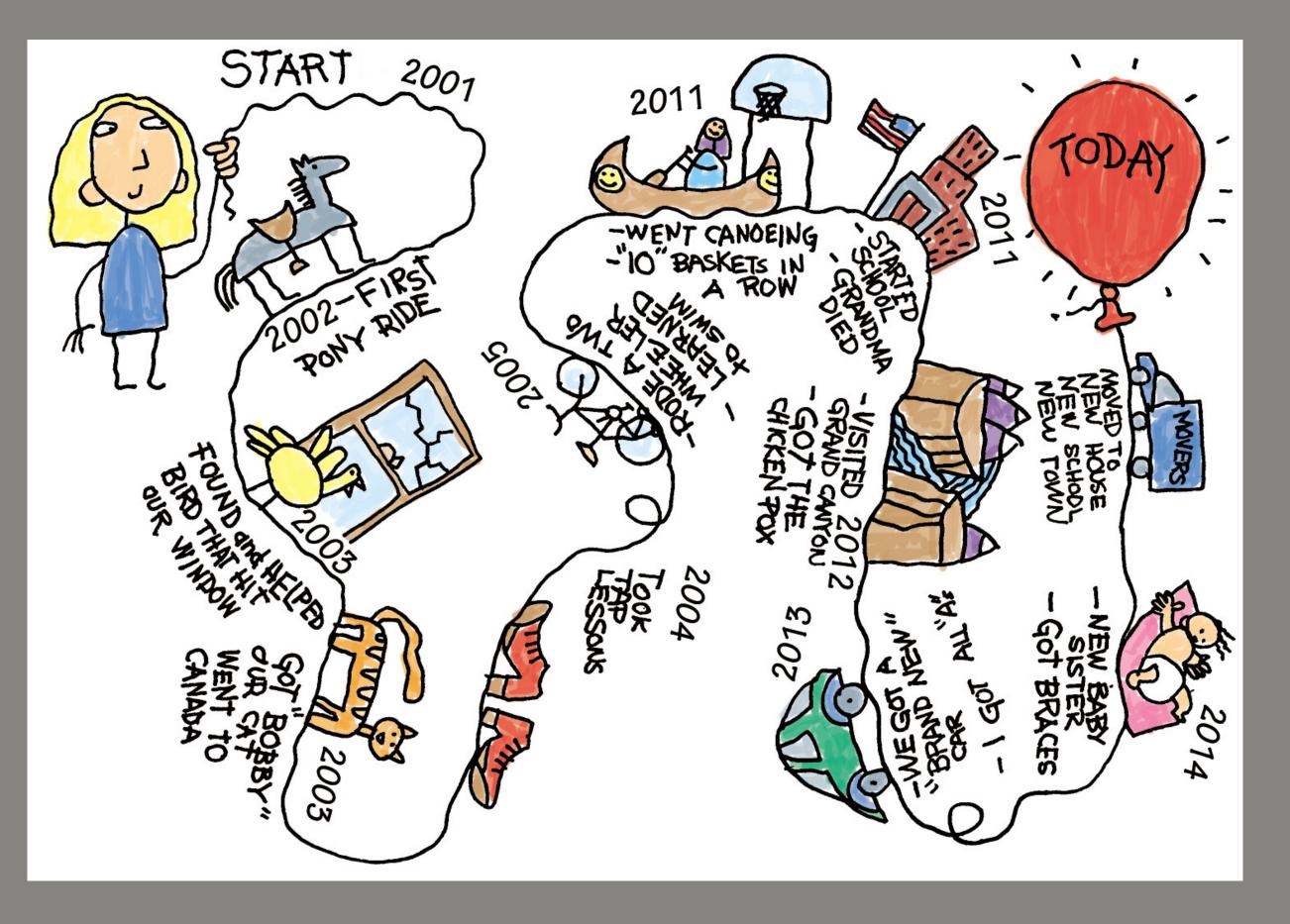
who listen to understand, not merely to respond.

ETHICAL LEADERS

who inspire others to work with purpose, clarity, and compassion.

Who might our students be when they depart?

Articulate your 'portrait of a graduate'.



Life Journey Map

What have we done?

What must we present and practice to fulfill our why?

For what are we gathering?



ALL STUDENTS

community time

growth mindset

EF + SEL skills

metacognition

P.L.T.

	PASSIONATE LEARNERS	INDEPENDENT THINKERS	GLOBAL CITIZENS	PROBLEM SOLVERS	CRITICAL LISTENERS	ETHICAL LEADERS
12						
11						
10		SPIRAL + SCAFFOLD				
9		REVEL	ANCY	MATT	ERS!	
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What must we present and practice to fulfill your why?

Identify one mindset, one skill, and one habit for all students. Then, identify one key concept for each grade/division.

Your ideas!

How might we implement this well?

- Substance: which methods are engaging and effective?
- Structure: how should students be grouped, move, etc.?
- Schedule: when/how often are we gathering and for what?
- Staffing: who should be an advisor/facilitate activities?
- Systems: how will we communicate, report, assess, adjust?
- Support: how will we excite, equip, empower, evaluate?

How might we implement this well?

Select one of these categories:
Substance, structure, schedule, staffing, systems, support.
Then, determine what to keep, add, and subtract.

	e four parts in this Goal Plan. Your an	iswers will help you think of a goal, wha	
My Goal	Outcomes	Next Steps	People Who Can Support





Conclusions & Considerations

FOR GOOD?

What will stick with you most?