## Winter Tune-Up Series

**Retaining Talent Workshop** 













## Agenda

Welcome! Housekeeping Orientation & Onboarding Building Engagement Protecting Your Investment

## Welcome!

## This workshop is focused on **Retaining Talent**

You are encouraged to use and adapt the tools, tips and information being shared in this workshop that **makes sense for your business** 

Take the opportunity to **ask questions, and share ideas** with other participants



## Housekeeping

Web-based workshops can be challenging, so we ask that you

Use the "hand" feature to ask questions

Use the "chat" feature to share ideas or comments

Check the "mute" button!

Thanks for your understanding!



## Introduction

This workshop will focus on helping you protect your business investment in people, through **retention**.

What you can do to create a culture and work environment that encourages employees to stay engaged with an organization, and helps to retain staff.





## **Orientation & Onboarding**

Engaging Employees from Day One

# Recap – Attracting & Hiring

- Know what's **changing and trending** in the workplace
- Understand the needs of a **multigenerational workforce**
- Make candidate connections job postings; social media; events; "constant recruit mode"
- Expand your search diversify who and how you recruit staff
- Make an interview guide include behavioural based interview questions
- Create a new hire checklist; onboarding plan



## **Orientation & Onboarding**

#### ORIENTATION

- Standard **introduction** to the Company
- Share key information quickly
- Orient the employee to the work site "where to find"
- Introduction to Company culture vision, mission and values
- Typically a "one time event" short duration

### ONBOARDING

- Customised integration to the Company
  job oriented
- Establishes clear expectations (two-way) on role and responsibilities
- Begins relationship building peers; boss; key stakeholders
- Begins assimilation into Company culture – "norms"
- Typically **multiple events** longer duration

## Tips – Things to Consider for Orientation

- •Mission, value and vision statements and how that applies to employees
- Company policies and procedures
- •Safety procedures
- Benefits
- •New hire paperwork
- •Facility tour
- •Introduction to coworkers

- Workstation setup
- Instruction on using software and equipment
- •Setting up logins, security clearances and other requirements
- •Other required new-hire training



## **Onboarding - Setting Up For Success**

- Builds employee confidence from Day One – lead through a process vs "thrown in the deep end"
- **Consistent** approach for all employees fair and reasonable
- Allows the new employee to begin to contribute to the Company sooner than later
- Builds **engagement** early reduces the risk of early turnover; "reason to stay"
- Sets an employee up for success



## Tips – Things to Consider for Onboarding

•Regular meetings with a supervisor – "open door"

- Buddy system with a co-worker
- •Training or instruction on specific job tasks
- •Test or beginner projects/assignments
- •Evaluations to assess the new hire's performance and customize additional training feedback
- •Goal setting 30, 60, 90 days based on job complexity



## Key Take-aways

- Orientation and onboarding plans help to build engagement and get a new hire "up to speed"
- Orientation tools and information new hire "needs to know" ex. "what"
- Onboarding providing opportunities to build relationships, confidence, become "part of the team" ex. "how"



## Building Engagement

Creating a Culture and Work Environment to Engage & Retain Staff

# Culture & Employee Retention

"**Toxic workplace culture** bigger driver of the "great resignation" than pay – 10.4 times to predict employee attrition than compensation"



Source: <u>MIT Sloane Management Review</u> January 11, 2022

## What is Company Culture?

How would you define it?

What makes up a Companys' Culture?

Can Company culture change over time?

How do employees "buy into" Company Culture?



## Company Culture – A Definition



## Shared set of values, goals, attitudes and practices....

## Fundamentals of Company Culture

Shared values – belief; what's important

**Common goals** – set of deliverables (group and individual contribution)

**Attitude** – expected behaviours

**Practices** – process, procedures, "how to"

**Diversity** of thought and experience



# Building Employee Engagement

- Create a compelling story
- Make the connection
- Build trust
- Provide clear expectations
- Provide the necessary tools for success
- Measure and celebrate "wins"
- Create feedback loops listen



Provide a creative and innovative workplace encourage a diversity of thought and experience

## Key Take-aways

• Check your culture – what makes it unique for your business?

 Create an environment where people can thrive – shared values; common goals; attitude; practices



## Protecting Your Investment

Check Your Toolkit!

## Check Your Tool Kit! (Ticket for Entry)

- Leadership
- Operational guidance
- Organisational guidance
- Communication & Feedback loops
- Engaging workspace



## Leadership

- Set clear and reasonable expectations hold people accountable
- Look for "teachable moments"
- Be prepared to make the tough calls early
- Model the behaviour you expect of others



## **Operational Guidance**

- Policies
- Procedures or work instructions "how to"
- Practices authorizations and/or approval
- Operational KPIs financial; scrap; bookings etc
- Quality controls specifications and/or measures



## Organisational Guidance

- Policies/procedures ex. people development and management; legal requirements
- Goals and Objectives performance management; professional development
- Organizational KPIs employee engagement; promotion; turnover etc



## Communication & Feedback Loops

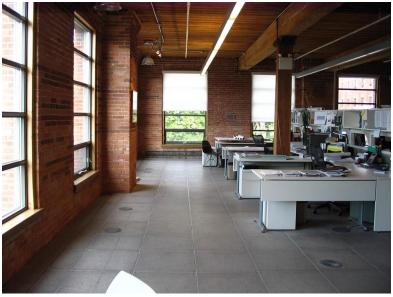
- Feedback loops individual, or group/team
- Communications internal/external
- Surveys
- Observation "walk the floor"
- Exit interviews
- Company reputation check external feedback



## Engaging Workspace\*

- "5 S" design everything has its' place (organization/ease of access to tools, materials, supplies etc.)
- Physical layout/design
- Access to meeting space/areas (confidential)
- Cleanliness, safety regular scheduled maintenance and upkeep

\* post pandemic remote work/hybrid may impact the degree of control over workspace!



## Creative Solutions – Talent Retention

Challenge

Transportation

Staff availability/FTE hours

Compensation – base rate; job "hopping"

#### **Opportunity**

Car pooling; shared transport services

Sharing staff with other businesses

Automate "non-value add" work; pay for "value add" at a competitive rate; perks

Lack of skills

Build skills "inhouse" – create own talent pool via funding programs; invest in training

## **Opportunities for B2B collaboration? – working collectively**

Key Take-aways

- Make sure the "basics" in your tool kit are in place – build engagement/retention through multiple actions
- Create an environment where people can thrive – right tools; development; communications; encourage diversity of thought and innovation; leadership
- Look for shared opportunities to collaborate with other businesses towards a common solution – get creative



# Paychecks can't buy passion.

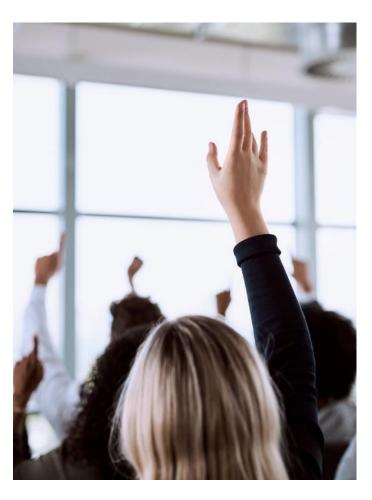
Brad Federman, Author

## Summary

Creating a culture and work environment where people feel valued and heard, increases the potential to retain staff.

Checking your toolkit in the areas of onboarding and how you can engage with your employee helps protect your business investment in people from Day One and forward.







# Thank you

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