IS CULTURE KILLING YOUR SALES MOJO?



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WHAT IS A CULTURE OF SALES INNOVATION?

INNOVATION: THE ADOPTION OF A NEW PRACTICE, PROCESS, OR PARADIGM BY A COMMUNITY — NOT JUST A NEW PRODUCT OR SERVICE.

ADAPTING, ADJUSTING, OR ALTERING THAT WHICH ALREADY EXISTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING VALUE.

THE STORY OF INNOVATION HAS NOT CHANGED. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN A SMALL TEAM OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE A NEW IDEA, TYPICALLY NOT UNDERSTOOD BY PEOPLE AROUND THEM AND THEIR EXECUTIVES. —ERIC SCHMIDT, CHAIRMAN, GOOGLE

IDEA #1: GOOGLE'S 70/20/10 INNOVATION RULE

70% OF OUR PROJECTS ARE DEDICATED TO OUR CORE BUSINESS

20% OF OUR PROJECTS ARE RELATED TO OUR CORE BUSINESS

10% OF OUR PROJECTS ARE UNRELATED TO OUR CORE BUSINESS

IDEA #2: CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR RISK TO TAKE PLACE.

OFF-SITE INNOVATION TEAM MEETINGS WITH A POSITIVE AGENDA THAT MANAGES IDEAS IN A POSITIVE WAY. PRE-SET DATE IN ADVANCE.

CREATE AN IDEA PARKING LOT.

SET REWARDS FOR IDEAS THAT WORK OUT.

IDEA #3: LEARN AT THE SPEED OF FAILURE



IN-LINE PROGRESS REPORTING AFTER ACTION REPORTING MEASURE, REPORT, ADJUST, REPEAT

IDEA #4: MAXIMIZE DIVERSITY DURING BRAINSTORMING.

INCREASE THE DIVERSITY TO INCREASE THE POTENTIAL RESULT.

INNOVATION TEAM. NOT "COMMITTEE".

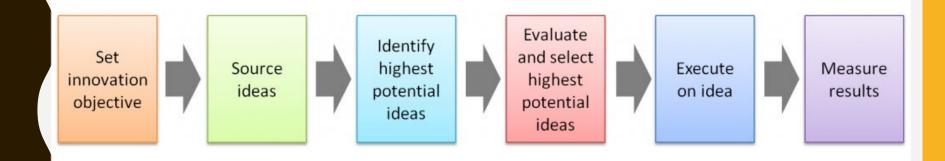
DON'T POO POO IDEAS FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

WE ALREADY TRIED THAT IS NOT ALLOWED.

IDEA #5: FOLLOW INNOVATION MODELS OF SUCCESS.

The Innovation Process

Employee-Driven Innovation



IDEA #6: INNOVATION AND IDEA FORM.

1. WHAT IS YOUR IDEA?
2. WHY DID THIS COME UP?
3. WHERE DID THE IDEA COME FROM?
4. WHAT DO YOU FEEL IT WILL TAKE TO EXECUTE IT?
5. WHAT IS THE FINANCIAL IMPACT

FOR THE COMPANY?

IDEA #7: DON'T INNOVATE DURING A HURRICANE.

RECOGNIZE A CRISIS.

A "CRISIS BANDAGE" IS NOT INNOVATIVE.

INNOVATE AFTER A CRISIS.

IDEA #8: FOCUS ON USERS, NOT THE COMPETITION.



WHEN WE INTRODUCED GMAIL BACK IN 2004, LOTS OF PEOPLE THOUGHT IT WAS A MISTAKE. THERE WERE PLENTY OF WELL-ESTABLISHED EMAIL PRODUCTS ON THE MARKET. NOW, GMAIL IS THE WORLD'S #1 WEB-BASED EMAIL SERVICE, WITH MORE THAN 900 MILLION ACTIVE USERS.

IDEA #9: DON'T ASK WHO HAS FREE TIME.

IDEA #10: BE PREPARED TO PULL THE PLUG.



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