

Amplifying School Voice and Partnership



Student Voice: Lessons Learned

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A New,
Powerful, &
Most
Influential
Voice!



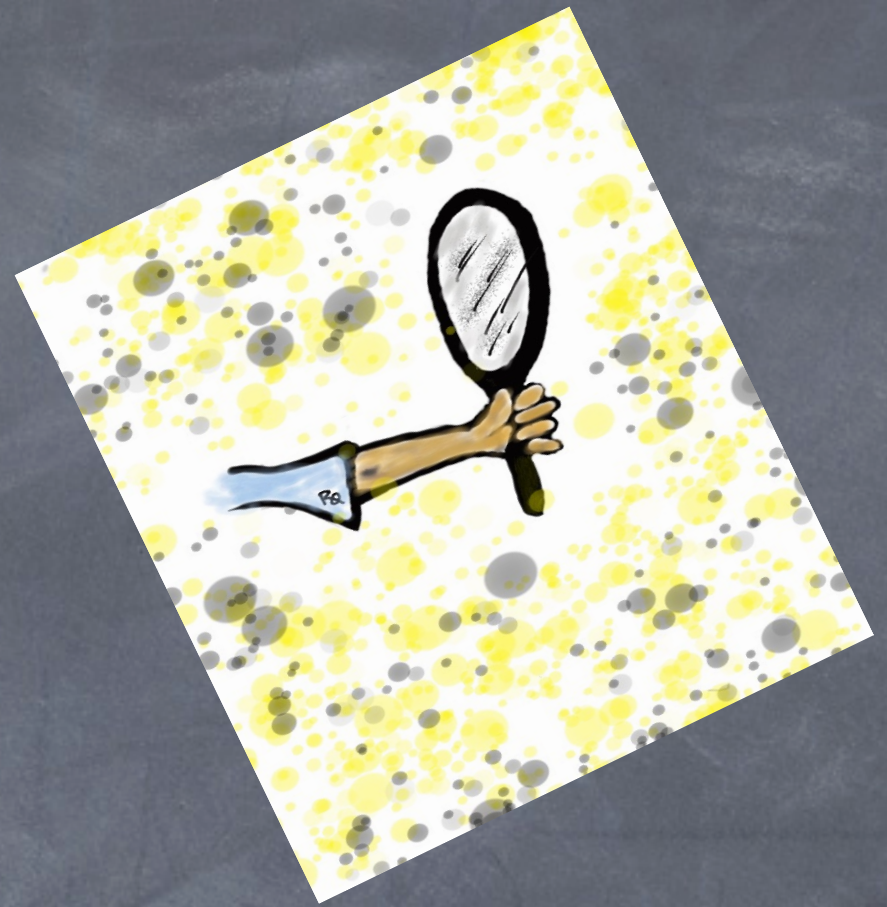
Goals for Session

1. Model for Student Voice
2. Reflect and Challenge Ourselves
3. What Are Students Telling Us...
4. ...and Are We Listening and Learning?
5. Share "Lessons Learned"

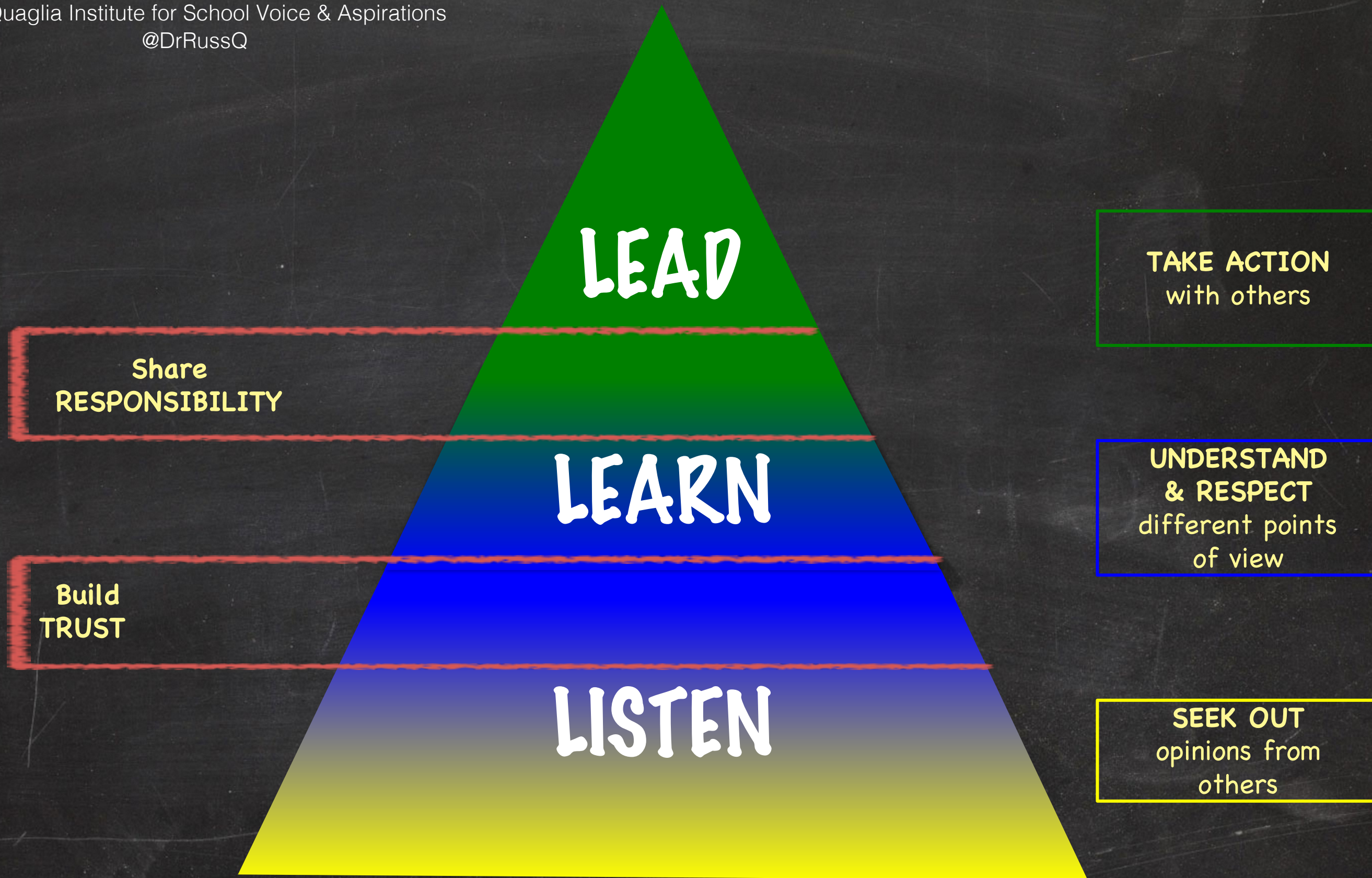
Fundamental Beliefs

- Students are the potential, not the problem.
- Students have something to teach us.
- Working with students is the only way forward.

REFLECT



"Student Voice"
What comes to mind?



Student Voice Model

Student Voice

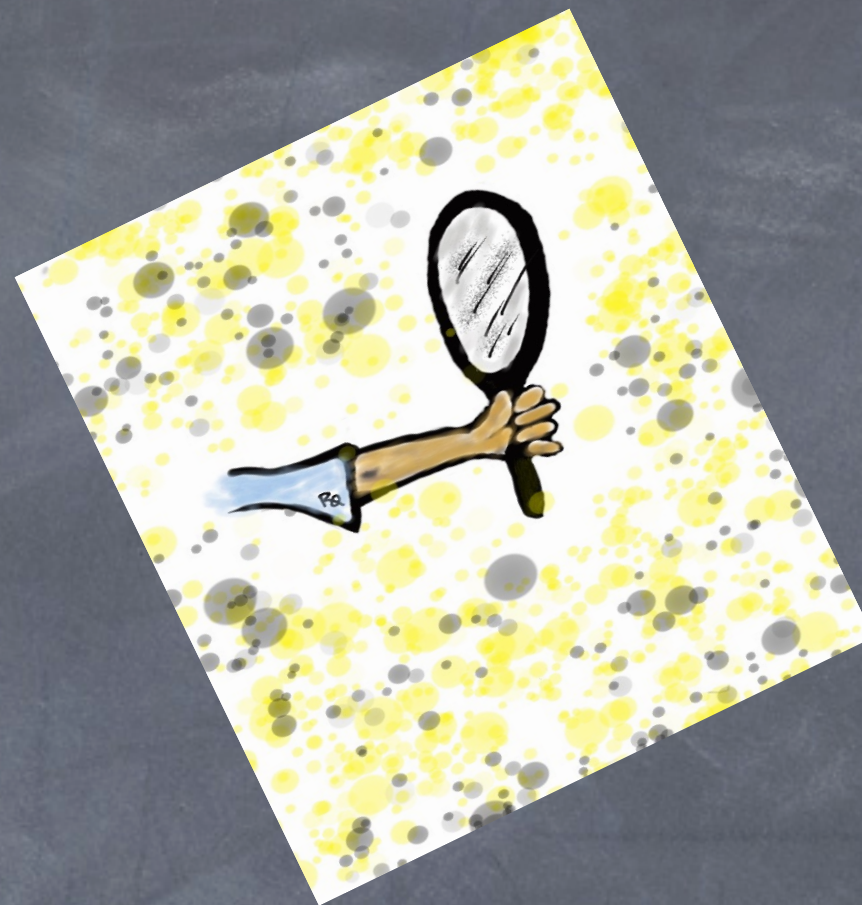
44% Students have a voice in decision making at school.

47% Teachers are willing to learn from students.

43% Students develop programs to improve the whole school.

46% Adults and students work together to make school better.

REFLECT



What does this data tell
us about ourselves?

Student Voice Implications...

When students have a
voice they are 7X more
likely to be
motivated to learn.

Student Voice Implications...

When students have a
voice they are **4X** more
likely to experience
Self-Worth in school.

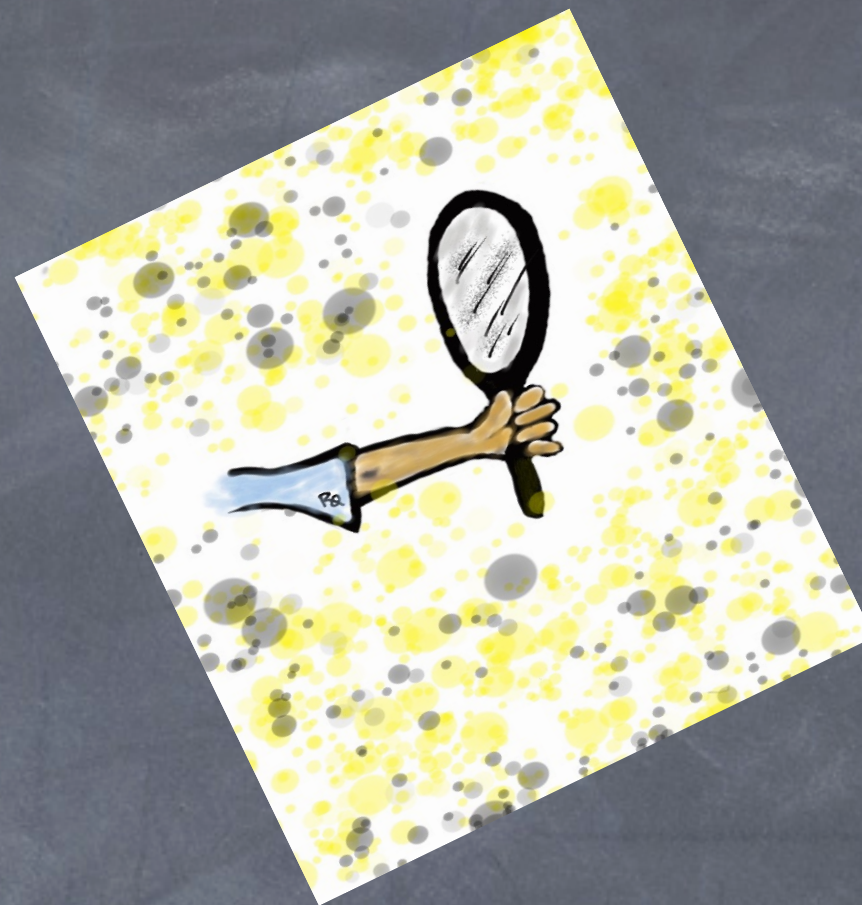
Student Voice Implications...

When students have a
voice they are **8X** more
likely to experience
Engagement in school.

Student Voice Implications...

When students have a
voice they are 9X more
likely to experience
Purpose in school.

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If we know these things
what is holding us back?

Noise vs Voice

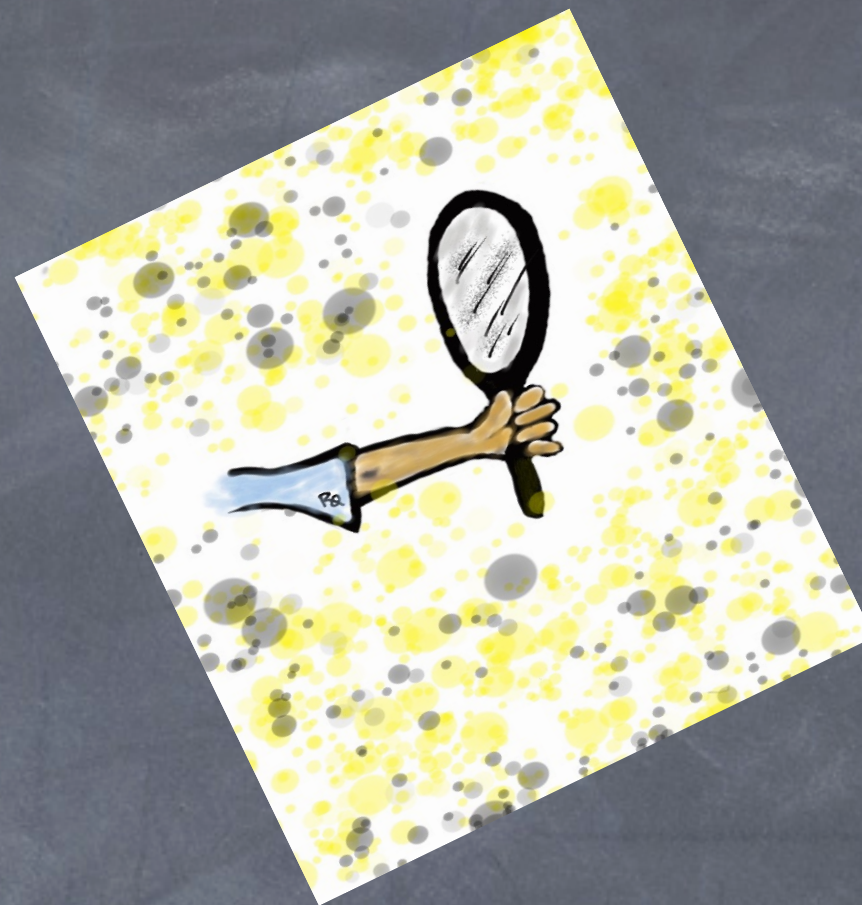
Student Noise

- Demands/commands/unorganized
- Student opinion is most important
- All adult voice is negative
- Everyone needs to change but me
- Complaining/whining

Student Voice

- Requests/inquiry/focused
- Our ideas are stronger in partnership
- Students have something to learn from adults
- Personal reflection
- Accepting responsibility

REFLECT



What skills do your
students need that will
allow their voice to be
heard?

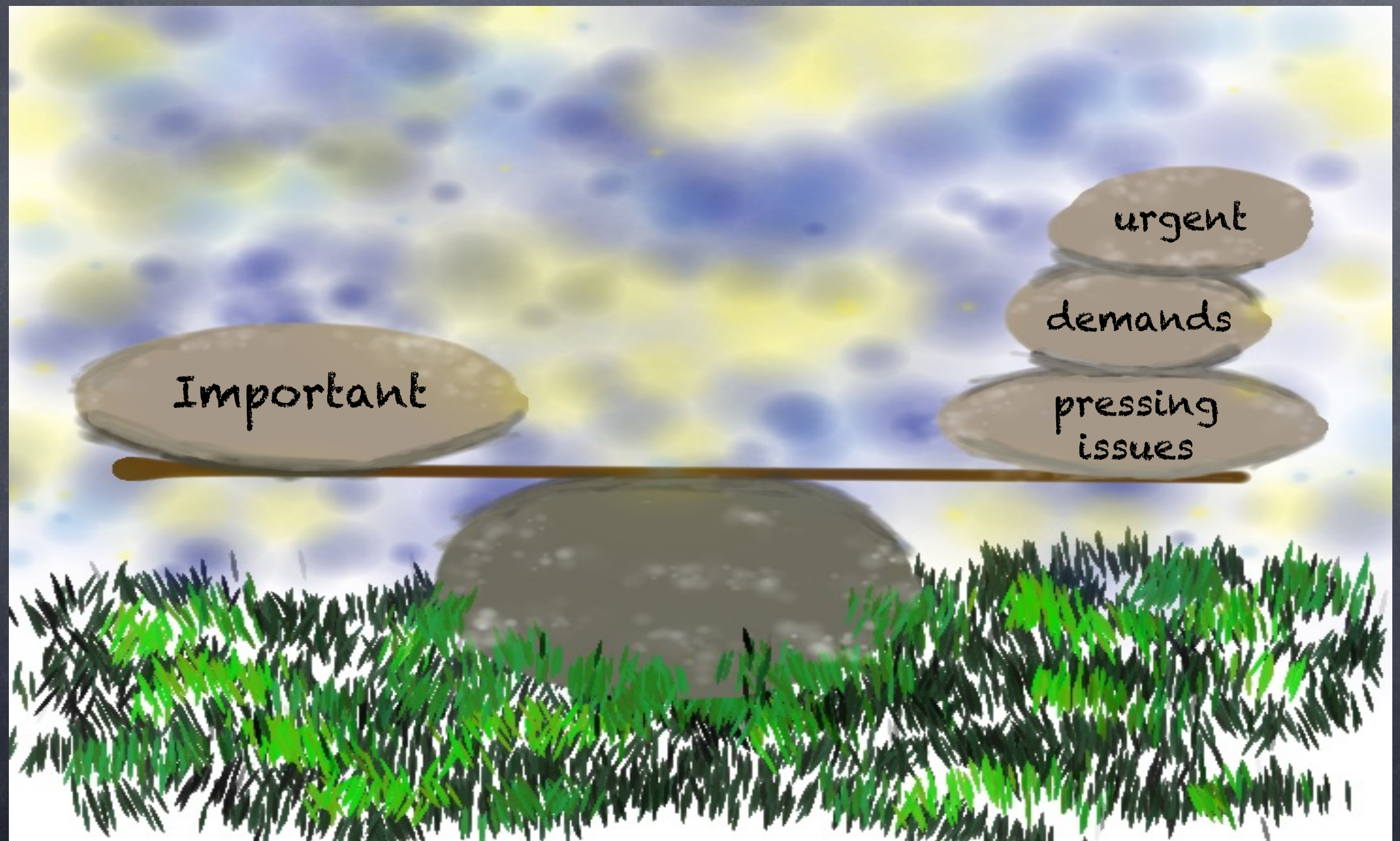
A Few Lessons Learned

(the most recent ones...)

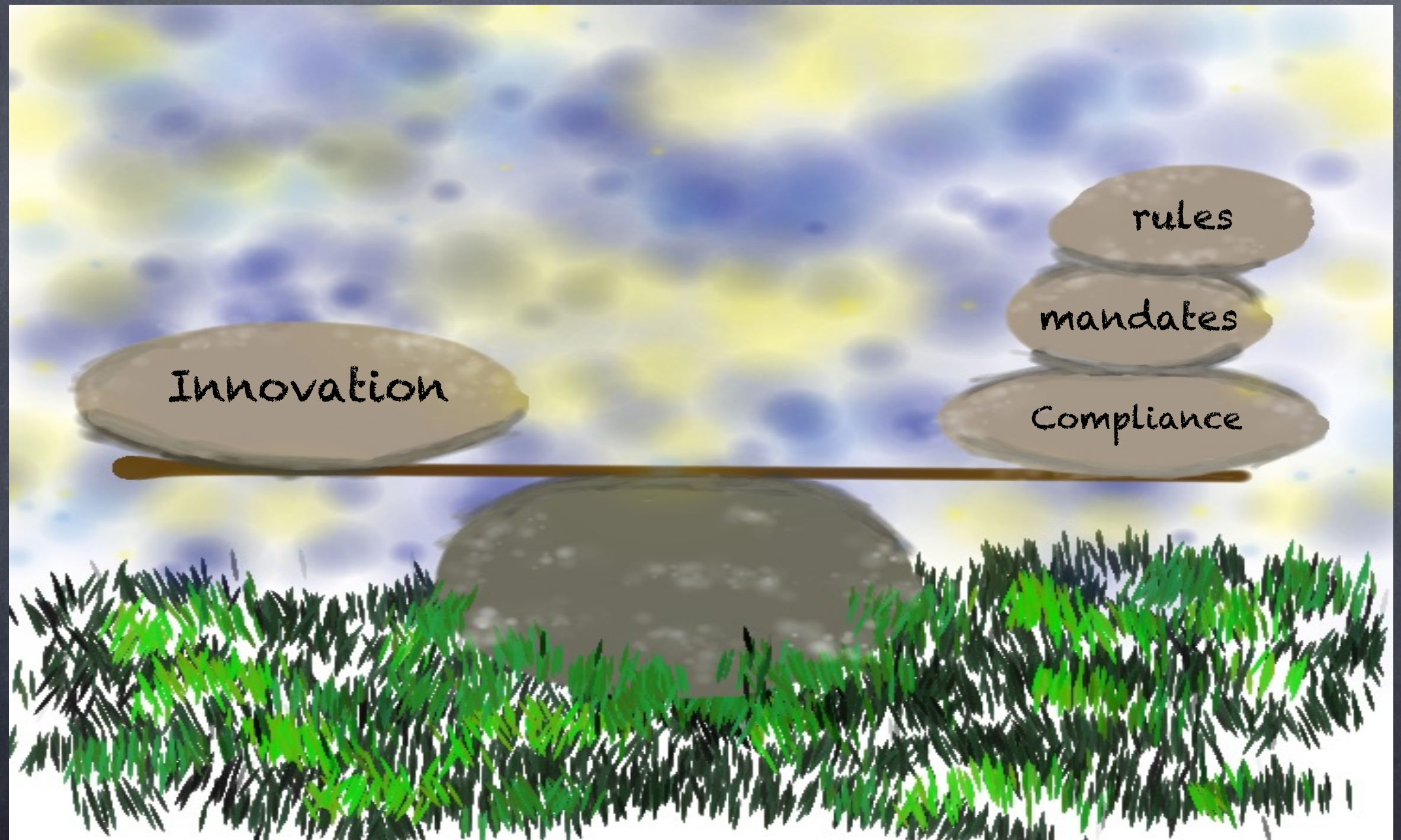


The Power of Balance

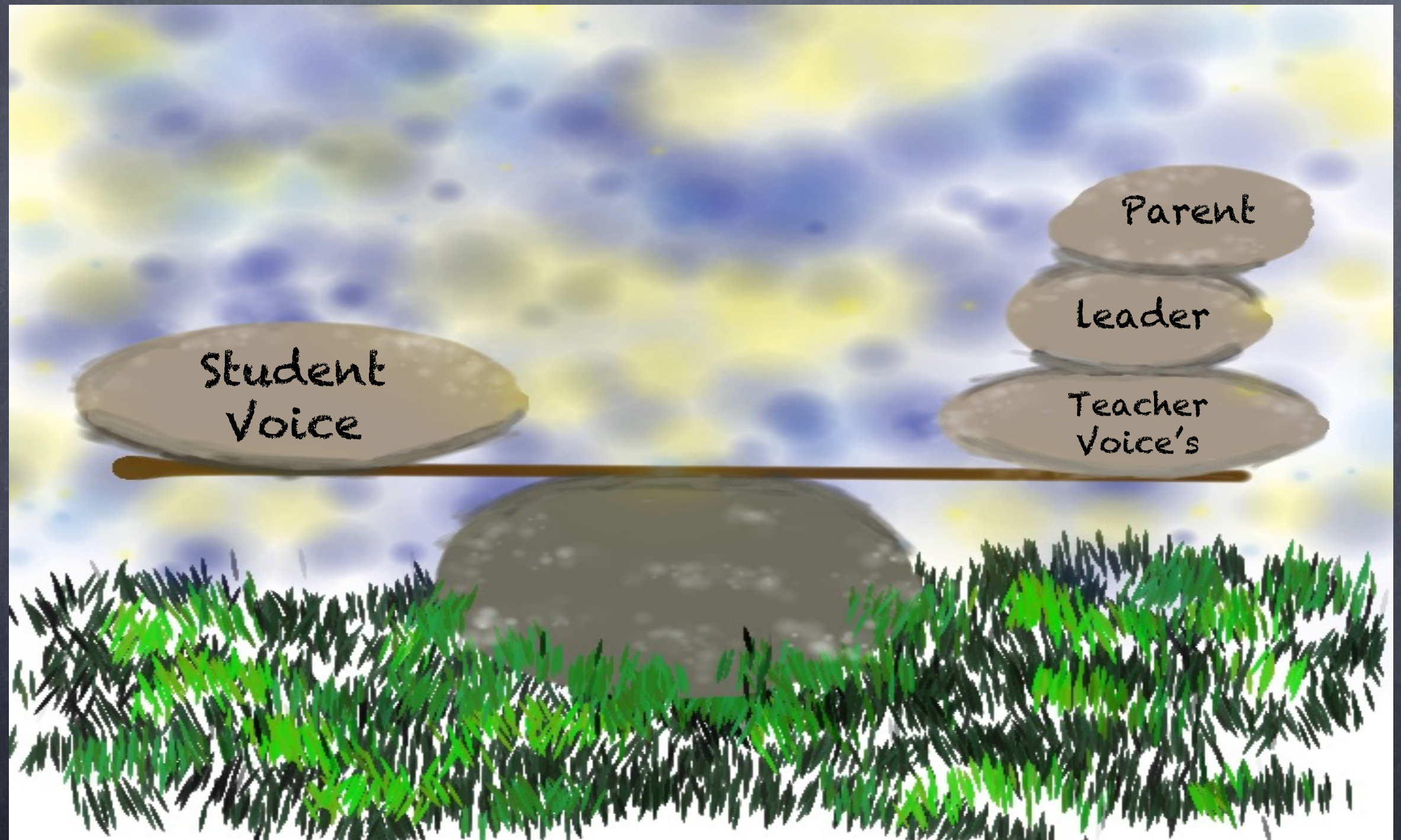
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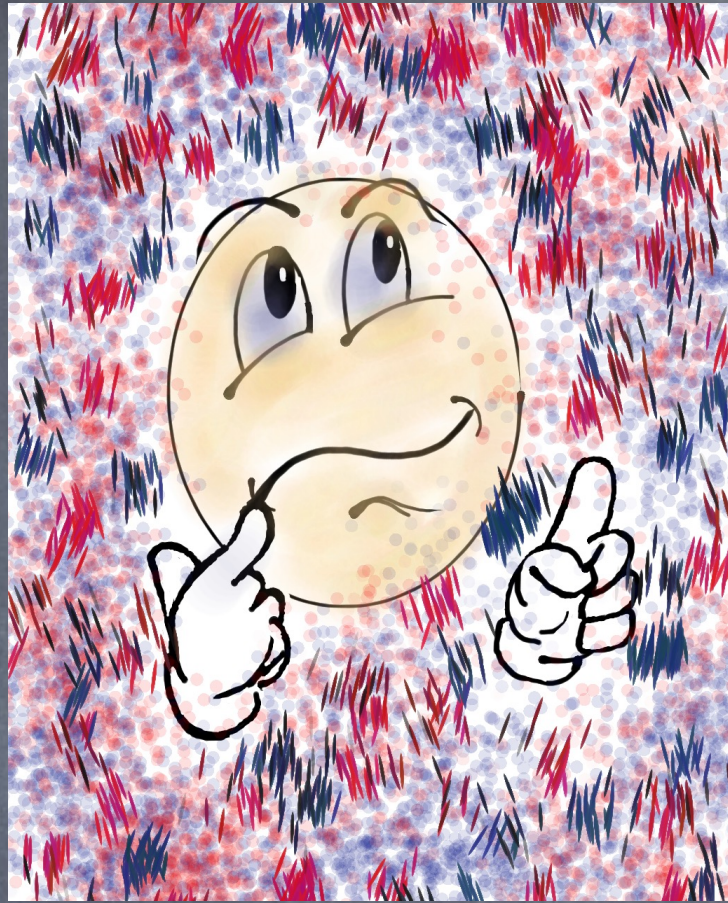


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Student Voice
needs to be a way
of being....

It is NOT an annual
event, a class period once
a week, or something that
is "cute to do."



I Challenge
you...

Tweet Your Student Voice Journey!

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