

Family Councils



VS.



Council vs. Meeting

■ Why We Don't Council Together Regularly

- Counter culture and awkward
- Any good habit is hard to start/Status Quo is easier
- Requires skills we don't have
- Not a priority
- Past councils focused on problems, called impromptu when emotions are high
- Ineffective because parents don't facilitate a successful process
- Parents not on the same page

Elements of Effective Councils

- Meet first as executive council
(Note for those who are divorced)
- Give notice on the topic
- Eliminate distractions
- Someone leads out in the discussion
- Create an atmosphere of love and safety
- Share goal or purpose of council
- Use Solution Focused thinking

Leader Facilitates to Ensure

- Keep the council focused on just one topic
- All members are heard
- Good listening and responsible speaking happens
- Curiosity and interest expressed in each person's perspective
- Summarize what has been discussed
- Come to a consensus as much as possible
- Plan, Do, Review
- Meet regularly



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