

EP 0 - Getting Started

Lawrence DeMaeyer [00:00:12]:

Hello everyone, and welcome to OPC's Leadership Talks podcast. My name is Lawrence DeMaeyer, Professional Learning Advisor at the OPC.

Susie Lee-Fernandes [00:00:21]:

And my name is Susie Lee-Fernandes, OPC's Director of Professional Learning.

Lawrence DeMaeyer [00:00:26]:

As cohosts, we will engage school and system leaders in authentic conversations to explore their passions, experiences, and expertise in K to twelve education, OPC is proud to highlight the amazing work that principals and vice principals are doing across this province.

Susie Lee-Fernandes [00:00:44]:

We hope that Leadership Talks will not only provide you with inspiration, joy, and valuable strategies that will inform your professional practice, but also enhance the learning and well being of those you serve. Enjoy.

Lawrence DeMaeyer [00:00:58]:

Hello again, everyone, and welcome to Episode Zero of the Leadership Talks podcast.

Lawrence DeMaeyer [00:01:03]:

Susie, I don't know about you, but I'm really pumped up about this journey that we're about to embark upon.

Susie Lee-Fernandes [00:01:09]:

Hi Lawrence, and hello to our listeners. I'm also really excited to be here with you, of course, Lawrence, introducing this podcast. I can feel that it's going to be a lot of fun and it's always good to meet and talk with different people across the province. So, in a nutshell, our hope for this podcast is to put a spotlight on school leaders. We want to engage them and to highlight their stories, the stories out there that matter for the important work that we do in education.

Lawrence DeMaeyer [00:01:37]:

Yes, I think this is going to be a really amazing way to showcase the work that principals and vice principals are doing across this province every single day, to really explore some of the issues that they think are most relevant to them right now and hear a little bit about some of the things that they've learned along the way. I know that, for me, stories are a really powerful way to document learning and to share our journey with others. So I love to hear about how others are grappling with the challenges and some of the strategies that they've developed to create those powerful learning environments and experiences for students.

Susie Lee-Fernandes [00:02:12]:

I agree, and I think they can really highlight passion for teaching, leading and learning. I think it's really important for us to learn from each other and to deepen our understanding. I am sure, Lawrence, you and I have talked about it, but I can imagine that our listeners, when you're working in schools, some of the best, most insightful and impactful moments come from hallway or casual conversations, and that's what we want to do here.

Lawrence DeMaeyer [00:02:39]:

Yeah, I couldn't agree more. And I think the work of school administrators can sometimes be a little bit isolated or isolating. So I think this is a great way for them to hear from their colleagues and make connections to their own work. So I think it'll be a really powerful opportunity.

Susie Lee-Fernandes [00:02:56]:

And we're excited because we have some really interesting guests for our first few episodes, so it should be a great kickoff for the podcast.

Lawrence DeMaeyer [00:03:03]:

Yes, indeed. So I think at this point we would really like to invite all of our listeners to consider being a guest in the upcoming episodes of Leadership Talks. We really want to hear about your leadership journey, your passions, your stories of leadership and learning. And if that sounds interesting to you, please click on the link in the show notes. So, Susie, I guess we'll see you in episode one.

Susie Lee-Fernandes [00:03:28]:

See you at episode one.