What does a rented van and four days on the road have to do with building a core leadership team, which then leads to a successful school? As a new leader in an historic building with veteran staff, it was clear that I needed to approach any potential building-wide change with a willingness to share the burden of leadership and develop a core group of staff members ready to accept the challenge. Doing so meant coming up with a creative approach to forming a leadership group. A group like this had never existed before, and staff needed to see the opportunity as an invitation, access to potential, and even an adventure. This proposed concurrent session focuses on the travel experience of 11 middle school staff members and the way in which their bond as a group has led to the lasting formation of an effective leadership team.

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