Staff Collaboration Exercise

Purpose
Today’s meeting will involve staff in creating expectations for professional collaboration.

Introductions
Whole-group sharing: Name, assignment, earliest collaborative memory

Reflection Opportunity
Whole-group reflection: What connections do you make to the following quote by Roland Barth (2003)? *If you want to have your say, you’ve got to be present for the conversation.*

Outcomes
Whole-group sharing: In regard to today’s meeting and mission, what outcomes are you looking for?

Collaboration in Action
Individual task: Read the following articles that the facilitator provides and highlight the collaboration practices. Be prepared to share any insights you gain from reading these articles.

Joan Richardson, “The Ultimate Practitioner,” *Phi Delta Kappan*
Jennifer L. Steele & Kathryn Parker Boudett, “The Collaborative Advantage,” *Educational Leadership*

Collaboration Attributes
Whole-group brainstorm: What are the qualities of exemplary collaboration?

Collaboration Defined
Partner work: Craft a definition of collaboration for the team’s consideration.
Whole-group task: After reviewing the definitions of collaboration prepared by partner groups, create a final definition.

Wrap-Up
Whole-group reflection: What have we learned? How do we put collaboration into practice in our school?