

Engaging in practice-based research in a school setting: A qualitative analysis

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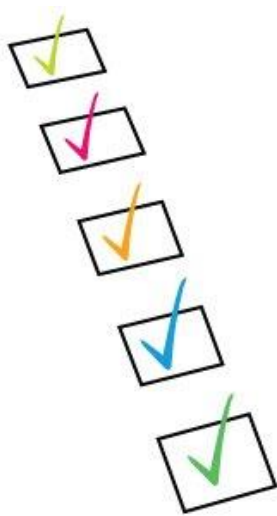
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Practice-based research (PBR) in Education

PBR is an active collaboration between stakeholders that creates knowledge at the point of implementation to use in clinical settings.^{1,2}



E.g.,

- Phonological awareness
- Narrative language

PBR Partnership

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PBR Partnership:

- Facilitators^{3,4}
- Barriers^{5,6,7,8}
- Establishing partnerships^{4,9}
- Maintaining partnerships¹⁰

Objectives

1. Evaluate the experiences of the clinicians and researchers engaged in a PBR collaborative partnership
2. Identify key components in partnership initiation and maintenance



Method

Perceptual Mapping Activity¹¹

Participants:

6 school board SLPs
2 Western researchers

Procedure:

- Step 1: write down factors that influenced partnership
- Step 2: describe each factor, identify (+) or (-)
- Step 3: identify themes and label categories
- Step 4: discuss influence on each other
- Step 5: discuss overall model



2h 30 mins

Method

Semi Structured Interview

Participants:

Head of the Speech and Language Department
Team lead for the SLPs

Procedure:

8 questions

Focus: partnership initiation, maintenance
and evaluation



1h 15 mins

Results

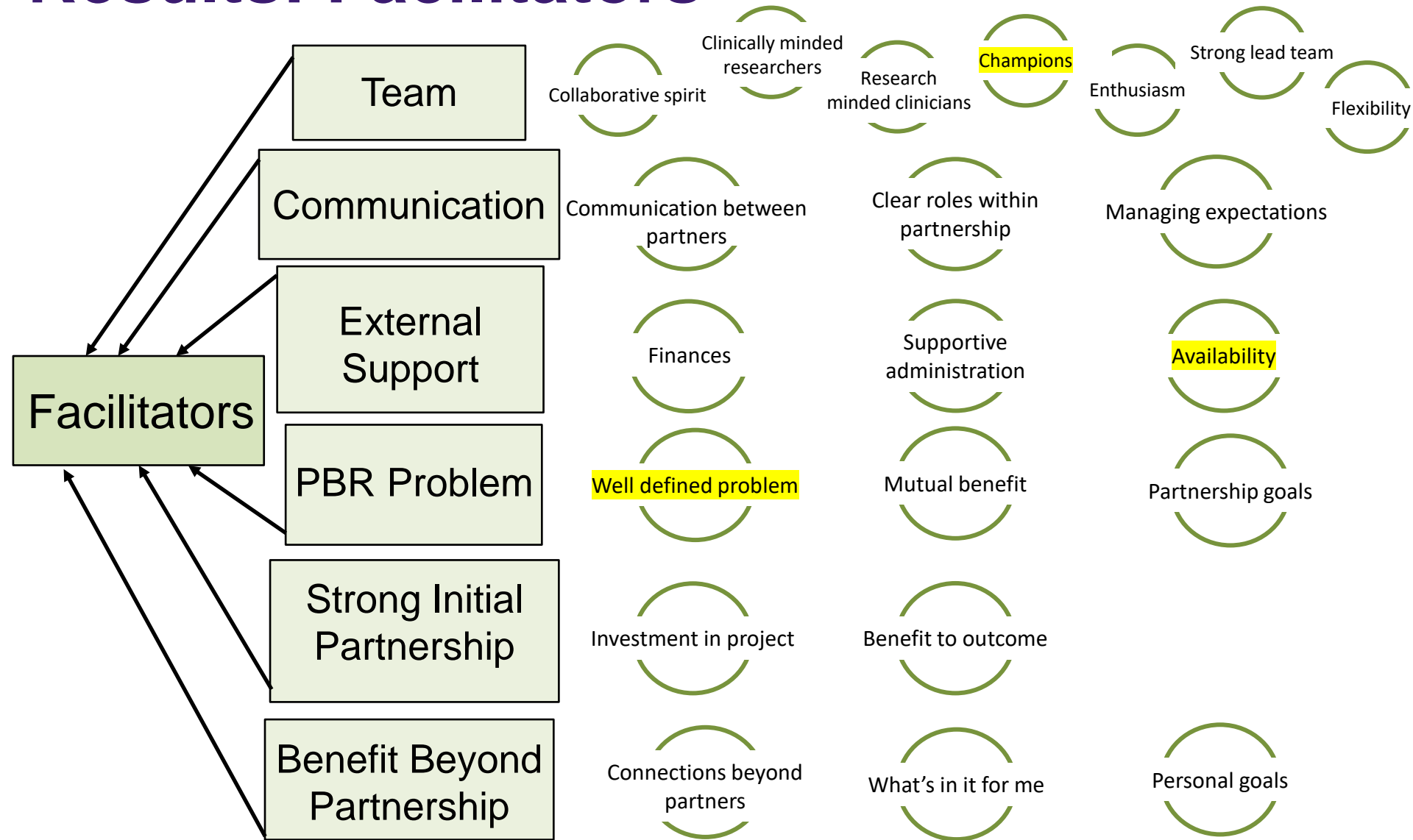
Facilitators

Barriers

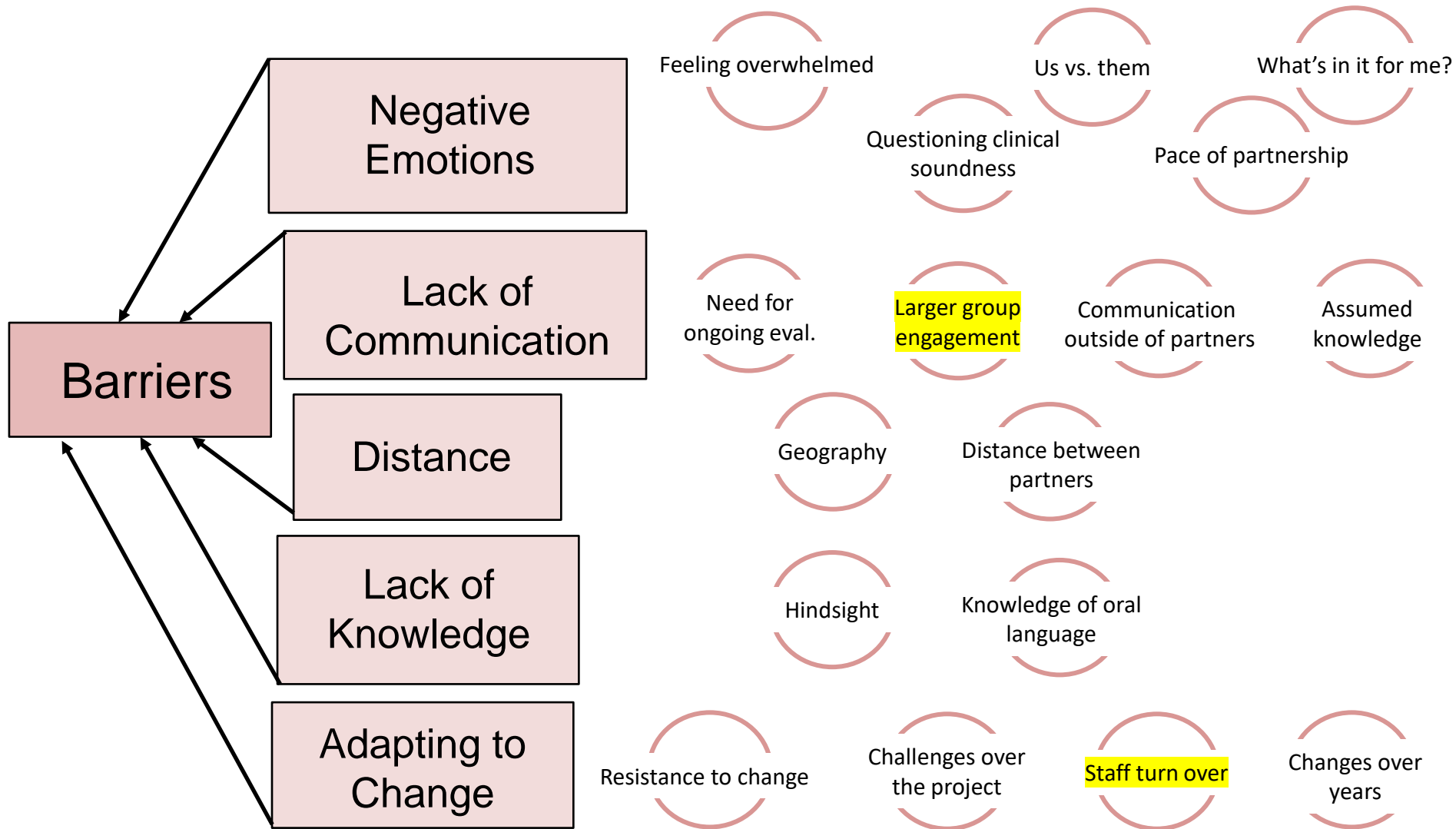
Initiation

Maintenance

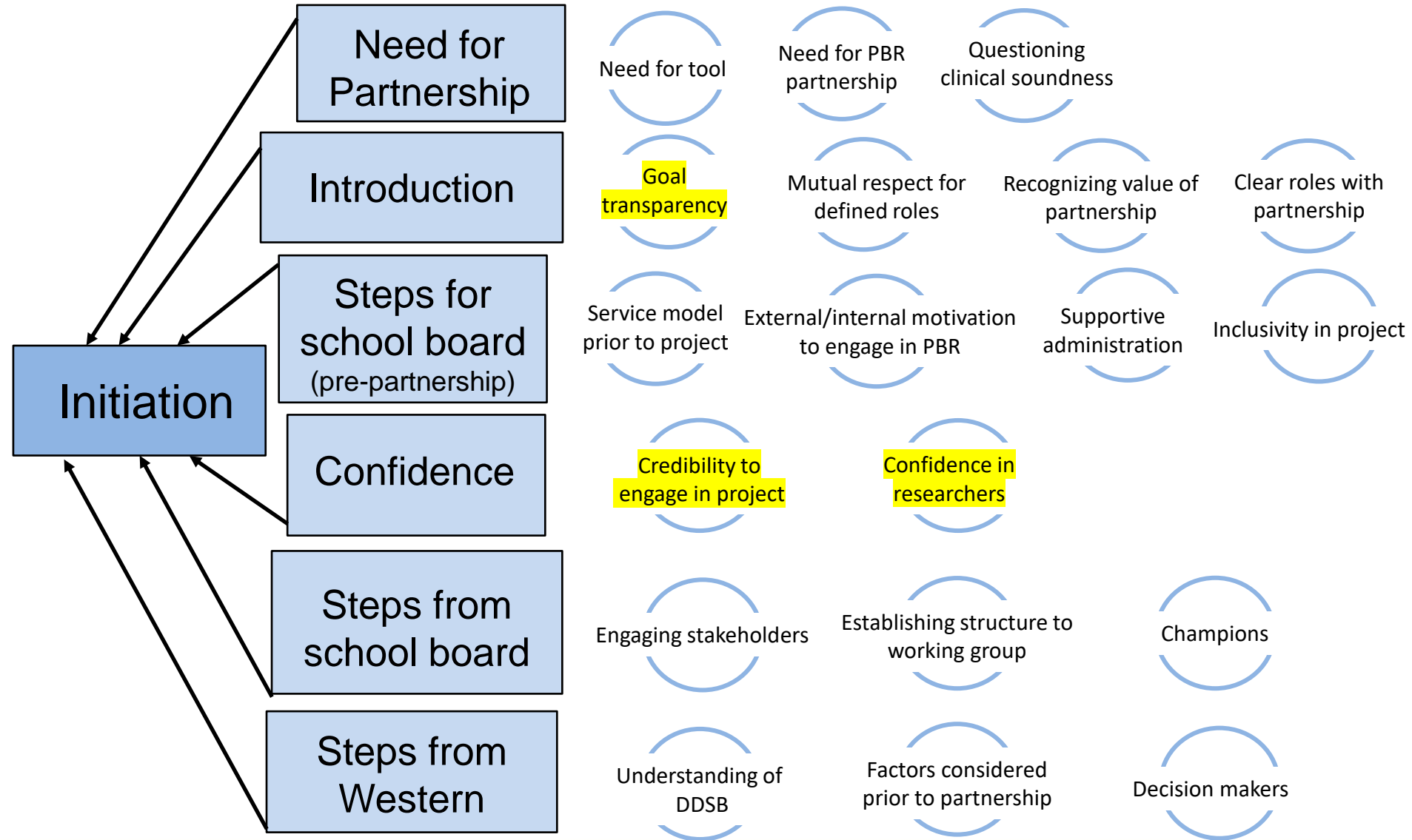
Results: Facilitators



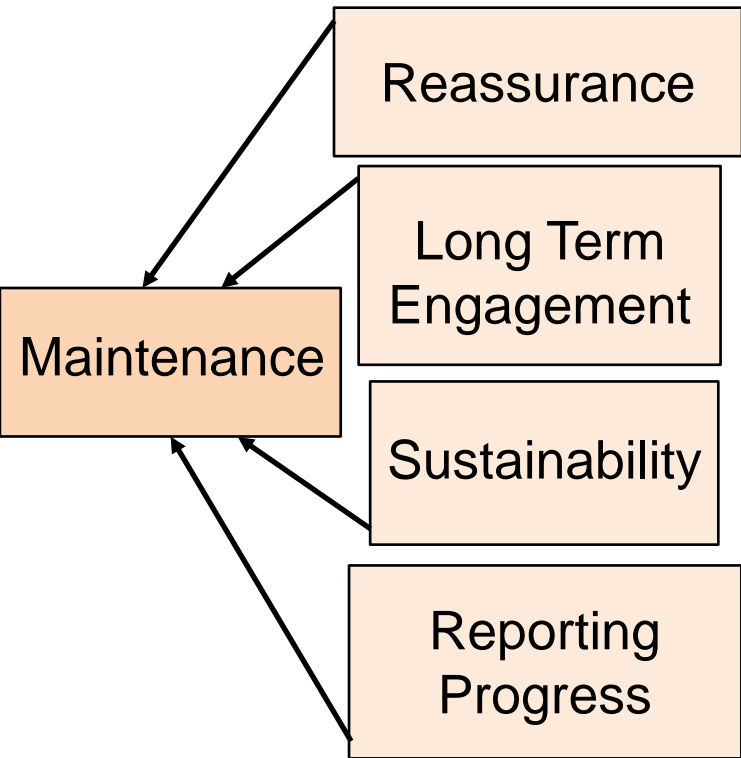
Results: Barriers



Results: Initiation



Results: Maintenance



Confidence in researchers

Feeling pride in the work

Recognizing value of partnership

Enhancing research capacity

Implementing on-going evaluation

Steps took to further establish partnership

Pace of partnership

Closure of the project

Evaluation of partnership

Implications

Facilitators

Importance of:

- Team
- PBR problem
- Strong initial partnership

Barriers

Consider:

- Lack of communication
- Adapting to change

Initiation

Plan:

- Introducing partnership
- Instilling confidence

Maintenance

Build in:

- Sustainability
- Progress reporting

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