Community
Creating a Sense of Belonging and Value in a Group

Components of Community formation:
Gibbs, J. (2001), Discovering Gifts in Middle School: Tribes, CA CenterSource Systems p. 74

1. **Capacity**: Communities are built upon recognizing the whole depth, the strengths, weaknesses, and the unique capacities of each member.

2. **Collective Effort**: Communities share responsibility to achieve goals for the common good, and to engage the diversity of individual talents and skills.

3. **Informality**: Interactions are based on consideration; care and affection take place spontaneously.

4. **Stories**: Reflection upon individual and community experiences provides knowledge about truth, relationships and further direction.

“To build a sense of community is to create a group that extends to others the respect one has for oneself, to come to know one another as individual, to respond and care about one another, to feel a sense of membership and accountability to the group.”

Thomas Likona, author on moral development and education