

Case Study of Teacher Leadership Style in Improving Student Discipline

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Abstract—Learning activities is a form of a series of behavior between teachers and students in the classroom in achieving learning objectives. Among the forms of student management in the classroom is by disciplining students. Behavior affects teachers to students is a form of teacher leadership to students. Based on the result of research, it is known that: (1) the teacher of TKJ Study Program at SMKN 6 Malang using situational leadership style, and (2) the formulation of teacher leadership effort in improving student discipline that is, (a) intention to change the student's undisciplined attitude, (b) discipline the student with a non violent heart, (d) the undisciplined student is punished in a gentle and educational manner, (e) caring for the student according to the attitude and behavior of each student, (f) Students are accustomed smile to greet the teacher when entering the class, (g) when students are late students are not allowed to enter the classroom but still punished in an educational way, and (h) students who are late to class and do less work every day.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Learning activity is a form of a series of behavior between teachers and students in the classroom in achieving learning objectives. In doing their profession, teachers are demanded to acquire good teaching techniques so they can have great teaching and learning activities. Besides that, teachers must have ability to manage the class. Among the ways of student management in the classroom is by disciplining the students [1]. Student discipline is a state where students are well-organized without violating any rules that disadvantage the school directly and indirectly. Student discipline does influence the teachers to get the objective of the lesson. Discipline plays significant role to create a well-organized class that has effective learning activities without any hurdles and it's a requirement for every student. Without discipline, learning activities won't be effective and won't go as it was planned.

Teachers behavior toward students are form of leadership, and because of this teachers can be called as students leader [1]. "teachers are leaders in learning activities

and they are called director of learning. Teachers guide and direct students to be educators. They must have energy to influence their students. Their influence comes from teacher leadership ability that they have." As the director of learning, teachers' way to influence the students could determine the success of the objectives to be achieved. Moreover, to discipline the students, teachers need to show their influence by using the right leadership. Misbehaved teachers will bring disadvantages to them and to the students.

In fact, teachers face different social, economy, culture, and environment background. And this could show the difference of student's emotion, motivation, and behavior [2]. The difference between one another could bring dynamic in the class and teachers are required to do right action in order to discipline the class. Therefore, teacher action and leadership in disciplining the student can be adapted with situational leadership. This kind of leadership is a form of leaders' behavior in influencing their follower by adapting their readiness that is shown by situation faced by the leaders. In situational approach, leadership style must be suitable with the situation faced by the leaders [3].

Teacher leadership and discipline in class, especially in vocational schools is need to be concerned. Vocational schools must pay close attention to any activities that focusing on student's abilities, craftsmanship, and knowledge in order to prepare them in the job market. As the frontrunners, teachers are related to their students' progress and are responsible for it [1]. Through learning process, teacher leadership becomes one of bridges that can bring students to reach the objective of the lesson. Students' background in SMKN 6 MALANG is middle low class. Therefore, school needs to provide special treatment to improve the discipline of the students.

Based on the interview result conducted on April 19th 2017, with one of computer engineering (TKJ) teacher, Mr. Novia, he described that that vocational schools aim is to create graduates who are ready to work. Besides that, vocational schools need to pay more attention to their students' behavior in order to succeed, and one of the ways to achieve it is by applying class discipline. Class discipline in vocational schools need to be implemented, or it may need to be set as a good culture that can be maintained and improved.

So, it's clear that students need to have high level of discipline to help them getting skills and knowledge in their field.

According to Mr. Novia, class discipline becomes one of many responsibilities teachers have in class. Teachers were hoped to follow vocational school's vision and mission, especially in directing their students getting things they want to achieve. Due to such condition, Mr. Novia always applying situational leadership to increase the discipline in SMKN 6 MALANG.

Students' problem with discipline in SMKN 6 MALANG isn't only caused by their social background, but also because of their teachers leadership that aren't suitable with their problem they face. Right leadership from teachers could bring good discipline from students. Because of that, to examine the suitability of teachers' response towards student discipline, school needs to assess its teachers leadership skills and their ability to discipline the students.

A. Research Focus

Based on that background, research is focused on teacher leadership style to increase student discipline. The formulation are:

1. What styles used by teacher to improve student discipline in SMKN 6 MALANG?
2. What is the formulation of teacher leadership efforts in improving student discipline?

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

A. Teacher leadership in class

Leadership is a complex process when someone influences others to achieve a mission, task, or a goal, and direct organization with some methods to make it more cohesive and logical [4]. Someone who undergo this process use leadership attributes (belief, values, ethics, knowledge and skills). Leader enable people to have will to achieve their high purpose and goal, where a boss asks his or her people only to achieve a task or a goal [5].

Behavioral leadership shows influencing or moving people to reach a purpose. Basically, teachers are leaders to their students. And as a leader, teacher has responsibility in developing his or her student's personality, knowledge, and skills for their future. Teacher's behavior as a leader was described by Ki hajar Dewantara[6]. Teacher as a figure *Ing Ngarsa Sing Tuladha, Sing Madya Mangun Karsa, Tut Wuri Handayani* (the leaders give examples, the middle give will, the back give power), that means teacher leadership must be able to watch their students from behind while giving examples and power to make sure that they are in the correct track.

Leadership behavior is a behavior pattern that is shown by teachers to influence their students through sets of main task in the learning process [7]. Teacher leadership behavior is student's achievement oriented. It's including personality, knowledge, and skills that must be acquired by students through learning activities. Teachers decide and direct

students to develop their talents and teach them social and life values, etc.

B. Situational Leadership

Previous research in Ohio and Michigan University have answered the needs to understand leadership that is related to certain situation. There are two things that are done by leaders to their followers in this situational leadership. They are directive behavior and supportive behavior [8].

How far a leader gets involved in one way communication, such as defining role, informing the followers about what is to be done, and monitoring the followers strictly. While supportive behavior is defined as how far a leader involved himself into two ways communication. Such as giving support, facilitating interaction, and involving the followers in making decision [9].

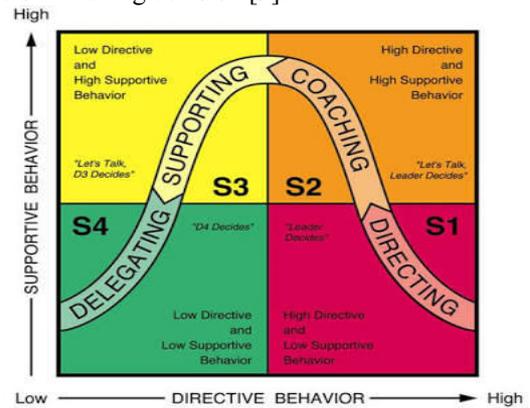


Fig. 1. Four basic leadership styles

Both behavior are put in two different and separate axis. Therefore, readers can understand four basic leadership styles.

C. Student Discipline

Student discipline is needed to create a good school. Without discipline, school will face problems related to indisciplinary. Discipline that will be examined here is student discipline during learning activities at home and at school [7].

As a class manager, teachers are required to discipline their students. Disciplining the students is teacher's responsibility in controlling the class in order to get a conducive learning process in class [7]. Class discipline is each student's responsibility. Discipline is adapted with class rules in order to create a class harmony. Discipline itself has various advantages, such as directing students to have good discipline, being able to recognize good and bad behavior and supporting the continuity of learning process at school. Due to some reasons above, teachers need to apply discipline in class.

III. METHOD

This research used qualitative method. Therefore, this research is prioritized to gain understanding rather than statistic. [10] defined qualitative research methodology refers in the broadest sense to research that produces descriptive

data-people’s own written or spoken words and observable behavior.

This research used case study. Case study is a research method involving a detail examination of a setting, or a subject, document storage, or an event [10]. The subject of this research is determined with purposive sampling. It is a non probability sample that isn’t selected by strata, or area but it is based on certain goal that is related to research’s aim.

In this case researcher used an informant, that is one key informant, a computer engineering teacher from SMKN 6 MALANG.

To collect the data needed in this research, researcher used three methods, they are:

1. Observation

Observation is one of important tool for data collecting in qualitative method. Observing means paying attention to phenomenon in the field through 5 senses, or even with instruments to record the data for scientific purpose [11]. Observation is based on research aim and research question.

2. Interview

Interview is divided by 2, structured and unstructured interview [12]. Unstructured interview is also called In depth interview, while structured interview is also known as standardized interview where all interview questions are prepared in advance. Complementary data is collected through interview with a teacher, and researcher used structured interview. This data is used to analyze students’ abilities and learning process situation. Data analysis technique involves data reduction (summary), choosing primary things, and looking for pattern from the collected data.

3. Documentation

Documentation is notes from previous events according to [13], document can be in written form, pictures, or monumental works of someone. Documentation is done by writing some rules that are important for research.

IV. RESULT

Based on research finding, leadership style that was applied by Mr.Novia is situational leadership. The style he used was shown from his answer on interview. That was *student learning* which was adapted with students abilities. He realized that each student had different skills and readiness. People with low task readiness have low abilities and they feel uncomfortable. People like that need different leadership from people with high task readiness, high initiative, skillful and confident [14].

When researcher was doing her research in Mr. Novia’s class. She saw every student kissed his hands. This action was taken as one of his ways to increase student discipline,

especially values and politeness. When students were ready to start *student learning*, Mr. Novia always approached students with low abilities. For skillful students, he only saw them in distance, except when they called him for a help. This condition showed Mr.Novia applied leadership style that was adapted from situation he faced because he always paid attention to his students’ abilities and readiness.

When it is related to situation theory from Hersey and Blanchard, this theory is focus on followers readiness as the key of situation that determine behavioral effectiveness of a leader is a teacher. This situation finally force teacher to ask their student to participate actively and give them motivation to grow optimally. by participating, student will be more confident in doing tasks given to them [15]. This shows that right leadership style shown that leadership style was hoped to be adapted with students’ abilities and give good motivation so their discipline will increase. The link between situational leadership and followers readiness can be seen in figure 2.

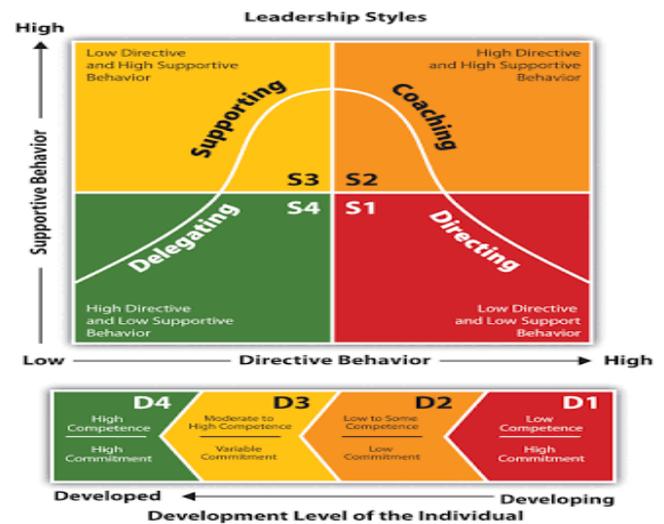


Fig. 2. The link between situational leadership and followers readiness

A. The relationship between situational leadership and follower readiness

This theory concludes that leadership role can be adapted with situation and condition in the organization. This theory also different from the previous leadership theories. The previous ones viewed same leadership style can be used in every situation and condition in an organization. In contrast, each organization its characteristic that differ from one another. Even same organization will have different problem.

B. Formulation of Teacher Leadership Effort To Increase Student Discipline

While the researcher was doing her observation in Mr. Novia’s class, he gave punishment to late students or students who didn’t do their task. One of the punishment was reciting short sura’ in front of the class. Yet some of the students

weren't allowed to follow lesson in the classroom since they have made chaos inside the class. These efforts were made to make students to be disciplined. Efforts that he did were successfully made students felt deterrent and wouldn't repeat the same mistakes anymore.

Besides that, researcher found Mr. Novia's hard work wasn't done inside the class only, but also outside the class. Even students who he wasn't taught. For example, when students didn't wear uniform neatly or forgot to wear their ties would try to run to avoid him. Surely this showed that Mr. Novia is a well respected teacher who has high discipline.

Teachers are class manager who are responsible in disciplining their class. Disciplining students is teachers responsibility in controlling students in order to support conducive learning process and direct them to the objective of the lesson [1].

Class discipline is each student's responsibility. Discipline is adapted from class rules. And those rules were made to avoid deviant behavior in class. Student discipline has many advantages, such as directing students to be disciplined, recognizing good and bad behavior for students at school and teach students about their rights and responsibilities in class. That's why teachers need to maintain discipline well.

In maintaining discipline, teachers face various student behaviors with different character and teachers need to direct them to get the same goal, that is student discipline. Of course, when facing differences, teachers need to use different approaches that are suitable to influence students so they will perform good discipline.

V. CONCLUSION

Leadership action from a teacher is disciplining his or her class. This action can be seen and adapted with situational leadership. From this type of leadership teachers can see and adjust their actions when facing various situations that are linked with students' readiness in doing discipline which can be shown in certain situations. That is in the implementation of a task, function, and goal that are related to the learning process. From that teacher's action it can be seen the effectiveness level of students' readiness in applying discipline in certain situations.

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