

Mini Brain Campaign Persuasive Speech

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What makes a good leader? Let's think about this. When I thought about it, I created an acrostic to match. From the bottom up, the letters are R as in Responsive, E as in Empathetic, D as in Determination, A as is Approachable and E as in Empowerment. Oh, I almost forget L, and it's the most important one too; a leader also has to Look Good! Vote me! Moving on, there are a lot of other attributes to describe a good leader, and my top 3 are being patient, well organized and trustworthy. Making Portable 2 a better place won't be easy, but I believe that we can do it if we all work hard enough. Part of the changes I'll be making is adding a suggestion box and electing a vice mini brain.

Being patient can be tough at times, but I believe that it's a necessary skill to have due to some of the more challenging duties that the mini-brain must fulfill. You want to solve conflicts, not cause them, and make it worse. More than a couple times now, I've been very patient during a game of munchkin. For those that don't know how to play, just think of it as a game of monopoly. During munchkin, as some of you may know, people would get bored and tell others to go faster on their turn. This caused a number of minor conflicts involving people going back and forth saying to speed up or wait. I had to be patient or else I would lose my mind and then get into a conflict. After a while, we realized that this could be easily avoided by putting people into smaller groups so people could get their turn more often.

In addition, being well organized is also crucial to be a good leader because it can be very beneficial in the near future. I'm not just talking about cleaning your desk, I mean about being organized in your work too; by planning and thinking of ideas earlier. Since the brain project schedule didn't exactly work with my sleep schedule, I decided I wanted to be organized for my monster art project. So, I got a plan, decided to stick with it, and it ended up being more or less a lot more manageable for me and I even finished a day early and actually had fun.

Finally, I believe that being trustworthy is also fundamental to be a good leader because no one is going to follow your instructions or give you their opinion if they can't trust you. Once, early October, Peiyan and Jayee come up to me and say that they need my help to send them homework since they were going to be gone for Friday. This was sort of surprising but at the time my mind was thinking "Oh, sure, I can help you guys out." So I did and I think the reason that they came to me is because they trusted that I was going to get the job done, and not forget about it so easily.

Next, there are three things that I strongly believe in. These are some of the rules that I like to think about when I lead others. One thing I especially believe in is that everyone's opinion should counts in any decision that will affect anyone or everyone. You should have a right to say what you believe in and what you think would be best for Portable 2. That's why I really like the class vote method; it's not biased, even though I'm not sure if one or two of are peeking or just saying, "Wow, that's a lot of people!" And sometimes you have to trust that your friend might not criticize you for a somewhat "strange" or different opinion than they do.

Nextly, the second rule is to be able to fail; after all, as I quote Albert Einstein, “Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.” I believe that in order to succeed, one must be willing to take risks and to be willing to fail. I think that’s one of the things that differentiates the MACC community from others that we are more likely to take risks in our work. Sometimes they work out, and sometimes they fail, but hey, that’s what plan Bs are for. And being organized can help in making different plans.

The third and final rule is that sometimes the process is just as important as the final product. To all the grade sevens, I know I sound a bit like Ms. Juma but sometimes it is as essential as the end result. Planning can be and is a very important part when starting a project. It may be the part of the project that takes the most time out of the rest of the project. Look at famous politicians in the US; they don’t just wear clothes just because they like them or by random. Everything is carefully planned out on whatever they wear; from their shirts, pants, shoes, jewelry, pins, I could just go on and on about this. What I’m trying to say is to be patient and planning will help you in the long run of a project; and I hope you all planned for your speeches when you were writing them.

As for my plans, if I’m elected as mini-brain, the first thing that I would do is elect an assistant to help out when I’m not around. He/she would be selected by Mr. Gaitens and I provided that he agrees with my plan. My preference is to pick someone in Grade 6 so that he/she would have more leadership experience before moving into Grade 7; and no, I don’t accept bribes.

Another item that I would add to the class is a suggestion box; I want to see your opinions on what the class needs to do to become better. These would be picked out every half a month to a month to see what kind of ideas are inside. I encourage everyone to put in a suggestion every month or so. I know some, or I should say most, of you, want to ban Just Dance for DPA. You guys can even put party suggestions in the box! But, I don’t want anyone putting in crazy ideas for the box; you all know what kind of ideas I’m talking about. That’s why if I do see a troll message for example, I will ask Mr. Gaitens to add a minute to the timer on the board.

Finally, I think that the 6/7 MACC community needs to be more well-known than it is now. Sometimes I just feel like we as the MACC community need to do more to help the school. It’s one of the reasons why I like that we’re going to be selling items to benefit for the school PAC. In one example, we could have competitive contests for students and teachers. We could have a basketball game; Grade 7s vs teachers, or a capture the flag game, Grade 6s vs Grade 7s, or a soccer game, primary vs. upper intermediate. There are lots of possibilities.

To sum it all up, being patient, trustworthy and well-organized are all crucial skills to become a great leader; and that we must possess these traits to make the MACC 6/7 community a better place. As a leader, I believe that you should express your opinion, take risks and think about the process as much as the product. I hope that on Voting Day, you’ll be at the ballot and you’ll think to yourself, “Who do I think would best fit the title of being the first MACC Mini-Brain? Who do I think would be the most beneficial to the MACC 6/7 and Suncrest community? Who do I think the best choice is?” I hope you pick the right choice. Thank you.