

Part 3: Reflection

Jacob Borowsky: “What would you say that your biggest accomplishment in terms of time as the principal of East has been?”

DLC: “The feeling that I was a little part in making East more caring and more of a community of scholars. We’re a lifestyle of respect, kindness, gratitude and service to others, while striving for excellence in all that we do. I really feel good about that. I really do feel like I played a little part in that this place having a lifestyle of kindness, and gratitude and respect and service. That makes me feel good. In addition to striving for excellence in all that we do”.

JB: “What do you think were some of the hardest challenges to you during your time as principal?”

DLC: “Trying to get to know 2,200 students, scholars. That has been the most difficult task for me. So that has been a struggle for me and one of the things I have sacrificed is my time will run out, and my time will run out before I get to know 2,200 students/scholars”.

JB: “Now being that this is your final year here, what do you want students of the school to remember you by?”

DLC: “As I said, when you hear the world scholar, I want this picture to pop in your memory. I really want to be remembered as someone who pushed students to be scholars as well as going back to kind, caring, respectful, grateful and service to others. That’s how I want to be remembered.”

JB: “So your quote has evolved over the year, you have added these numerous elements: respect, kindness, gratitude and service to others and so it’s evolved since the first time I heard it which was my sophomore year. And so can you talk about why you decided to incorporate all these new elements?”

DLC: “You know that from time to time, a scholar would say to me ‘Why don’t you include this?’ and I did. For instance, a scholar said to me ‘A caring community’ like when I first started it was a community of scholars. A scholar said to me ‘Why don’t you add a caring community of scholars?’ It stuck. Another scholar said to me ‘Well, we do a lot of service, why don’t you include service?’ well I said, you know you’re right. Why don’t we include service. So really, most of the additions came from scholars saying, “Dr Chapman, why don’t you add this or add that”, so that is how we really go the additions”.

Ashley Cooper: “So how do you plan to take what you have done here for East when you go over to Malberg?”

DLC: “Well, I plan to do something very similar. It is a different type of school. I plan to listen and have conversations with the staff there, conversations with the scholars there and conversations with the parents. And I want to find out very quickly what has been going on, what has been working, what has not been working. And then work with the staff, the scholars and the parents to see where we want to go. What is it and I would like to come up with 3 or 4 needs and put them together as initiatives and what the staff and the scholars and the parents and work towards achieving them. I want to listen, ask a lot of questions and come up with initiatives to move forward. I will not go there with a perceived notion. I will go there, find out what it going on and then proceed”.

AC: “Has being a principle changed you as a person or your personality?”

DLC: “Well y’know it gave me a new outlook on life, and I needed that. And after being at the central office for nine years, I really needed a new role. So coming here, and with all of the activities going on, it just gave me a new look on life and a new purpose in life. And there are not enough hours in the day to achieve all of the things that I want to achieve. So time goes by so quickly, it just fly’s by, so it changed my whole life in terms of the pace of my life. The downside is, I feel like I lost some of the quality of my work because I have to do so many things and I don’t have a lot of time to do them, whereas before I had a lot of time to draft, in this job I

don't have time to do that. I have to get it done and move on because there's so many things to do."

JB: "Is there anything you wish you had more time to work on while at East, like a project?"

DLC: "I wish that I had had more time to attend more functions. See right now I have to pick and choose what I attend because I can't be out every night of the week, I just can't do it, and y'know on weekends, I just can't spend every weekend here. So y'know I wish I had more time to do that, because I feel like that would be another way of getting to know the students. Getting to know those who are playing sports, those who are in activities, seeing them perform—That would be another great way of getting to know the students."

Brett Dashevsky: "Are you gonna choose to come to Mr. East tomorrow?"

Chapman: "I will be here!"

AC: "Can you describe your experience while on the senior trip, since you said yourself you weren't able to go on your senior trip?"

DLC: "I was really surprised at how well behaved all the scholars were. In addition, there was only one minor mishap; the mishap was it was the first night and scholars were not accustomed to the schedule and they did not know they needed to catch transportation earlier in the day, so some scholars did not make it back for their curfews. Besides that, to my knowledge, now maybe some other things went on, but to my knowledge it was really close to being perfect. When they were asked to do things, they did it with a smile. We didn't have problems with asking them to do things. To my knowledge, we didn't have problems, wandering around or going to places where they know they shouldn't be going. So behavior wise, the class was nearly perfect. In my observations, everyone was having a great time, everyone was warm and friendly, and everyone cared about each other. It was as close to being perfect as I could imagine. The Class of 2016 is a fantastic class. Even checking up on rooms at night, that was very easy because scholars did what they were supposed to do."

JB: "What was your favorite ride at Disney?"

DLC: "My favorite ride is Space Mountain; however, I did not go on it this time because while it's my favorite ride, it's not my best ride. Have you been on Space Mountain? What did you think of it?"

JB: "Oh yeah, I went twice. It's great!"

BD: "But you can get dizzy on it if you're not good with roller coaster rides, but it's doable."

JB: "How about your favorite moment on the trip?"

DLC: "My favorite moment on the trip is first of all when we all arrived here. That was a great moment. To see the enjoyment that scholars were having was great. And lastly, remember when we saw the light show? I thought that location was really great. And where we were and how we enjoyed that, it was really excellent."

JB: "Could you give a description of your experience riding elephants?"

DLC: "Yes, I've always wanted to ride an elephant. So the last trip that we went on, we had the chance to go on a ride and I jumped on it! So I got a chance to ride an elephant, and it wasn't what I thought it would be. First of all, there were three people up there; the guy who guided the elephant, and there was another passenger, so that didn't give us a lot of room, we were all bunched together. And the elephant walks (makes boom noises), so it's not a pleasant ride. I was very disappointed with that ride."