



East Spring Secondary School

Power of Positive Energy (PPE)

Student Goals/Outcomes for Excellence & Success

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Magandang umaga Mrs Jalil, Mrs Mohinder, Mr Chan, teachers and fellow school mates, I'm Mervin and this is Syakirah and we're from 4e1. I was the chairperson of the TDSRC student steering committee and Syakirah was the leadership development IC. It is such an honour to have been given the opportunity to lead the TDSRC team as well as to share with you about our journeys today.

M : just out of curiosity, has any of you looked into the dictionary on the meaning of the word "leadership"? Like many of u, I never did. But just recently, I looked up the meaning and it surprised me. The definition of leadership is so simple yet so difficult to carry out in real life. The word "leader" means a quality of character and "ship" means to shape. "Leadership" means to shape the quality of a character.

S : Such a simple phrase. Yet so difficult to fulfill. This, I experienced during my TDSRC journey as the leadership development IC. For someone who really didn't know anything about leadership, I was chosen to develop other leaders. I was like..... Whuuuuut?!?! I thought that I would never be able to rise up to the teachers' expectations. Essentially, I was tasked to monitor the development of the various student leaders in their leadership journey through TDSRC. I had to ensure that every single student leader reflected and learnt on this journey and I was also to keep the teachers updated on the problems that the student leaders faced or that I have noticed. This was so that the teachers could come in to develop their leadership. It was not easy as I... Felt like a snitch... On top of this, I also had to step up as Mervin and Melissa were busy with their Cca competition and the Limelight performance respectively. I realized that I had the entire committee on my shoulders. That was how much influence, responsibility and trust I was given.

M : You know Syakirah? This reminds of my all time favorite quote. " With great power, comes great responsibility". Sounds familiar doesn't it? It might have been spoken by a fictitious character but I realised that as the Chair person of the TDSRC committee, I was given such great influence over the event and over the people in the committee. And I knew I just had to take on the responsibility I wondered I truly wondered who Am I to be given a privilege lead all these amazing leaders : EXCOs of all the CCA and leadership groups. I was afraid to show how inadequate I am.

S : I truly agree with you. With the influence given to me I knew I just had to rise up. It was a steep learning curve for me. But at the end of the day, I realised that the more open I was to the feedback given by the teachers, they could help me achieve greater heights.

M : Embracing the sharpening that comes with the position. Expanded my potential and gave me More confidence to take on the role. I finally saw the value of this leadership opportunity, like the teachers said, it was really to develop me. I knew I had to learn these skills to live my life to the fullest.

S : Not that I'm doing very well now. But through the TDSRC journey where I found myself facing time constraints and snowballing task , I learnt to treasure whatever time I had. And in treasuring my time, It meant that I had to learn to plan my time to ensure that I completed what I needed to do . I was amazed that with so much to do I saw an improvement in my Pure Chemistry from a D7 to a B3. Likewise, Mervin improved in his Pure Chemistry from a C5 to an A1. This wouldn't have been possible without us being in this leadership journey.

M : Through this we really saw how leadership opportunities were there for us to develop as holistic students who are equipped to live the life to the fullest in achieving all rounded excellence. I would like to encourage all of you to embrace the opportunity, privilege and honour to take on leadership positions. This will not only benefit us as 21st century citizens but also impact the lives of others. "With every opportunity given, it is a chance to sow a seed and impact others for eternity." Salam