

General Business Meeting

February 7, 2017

Community Stakeholder Presentation: Roy Sakuma

FROM 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS:

I hated everything about me, and felt sometimes as though I just wanted to die. I starved myself to feel good about myself, and constantly told myself that I was a freak and a loser who would always remain just that. I learned so much from you and I will cherish your words for the rest of my life. **girl**

You truly opened my heart to forgive others and always think positive. I thank you sooo much from the bottom of my heart. You really changed my life to become a better person. Your words are so moving and powerful. I listened to every word you said and put it into play in my life **girl**

Personally, I find myself to be a difficult person to distribute a message to, but your words planted themselves at the root of my heart. Ever since I heard your wise words, I directed myself towards the better path. The path in which I would admire who I am as a person, forgive those who have trespassed against me, and thrive out of hardships. Lastly but certainly not least your song "I Am What I Am" are five words I am going to remember through my whole life. **Girl**

I know that you touched all our hearts, even some of the guys who acted like they didn't care, but I can tell that they truly did. The stories you told were so powerful, they almost brought tears to my eyes. **Boy**

You gave me indescribable motivation, You have changed my life in the best way possible. **Boy**

Even though you were with us for an hour, I learned so much about what you had to say. I am now inspired to do my best in life. I feel that part of me has already changed in a positive way. **Boy**

I just wanted you to know that after I thought about your talk, it really touched me, in ways words can't describe. The best way I can say that it changed me is that I will try to be a better person **Boy**

FROM 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS:

After you left all my friends and I gathered up and said sorry. We were all tearing.

I actually apologized to all the people that I bullied in the past because of you. Now we are great friends. **boy**

You had a big impact into my family. We get along better now since. **boy**