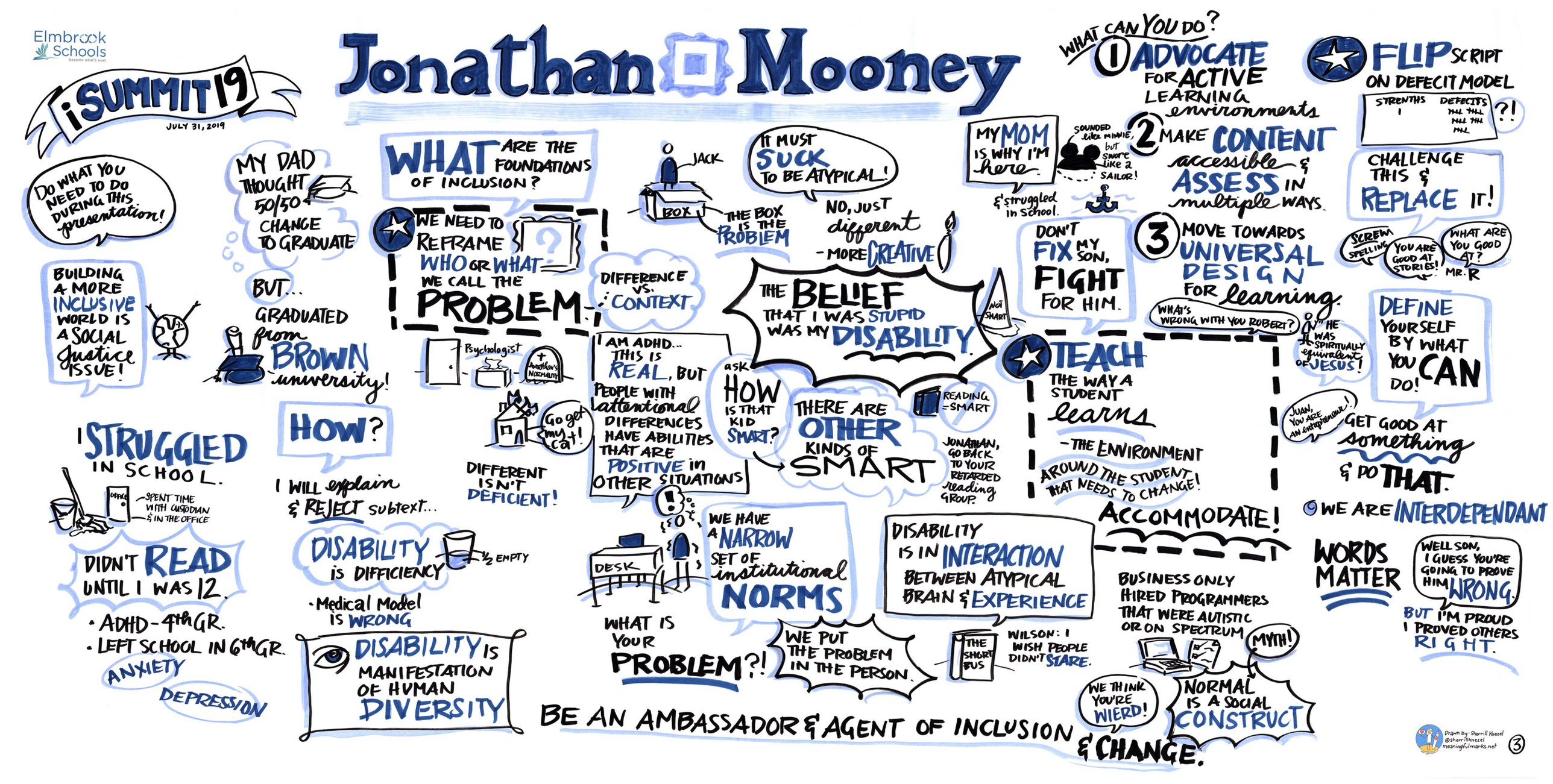
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DO WHAT YOU NEED TO DO DURING THIS presentation!
MY DAD THOUGHT 50/50 CHANCE TO GRADUATE
BUT... GRADUATED from BROWN university!
BUILDING A MORE INCLUSIVE WORLD IS A SOCIAL Justice ISSUE!
WHAT ARE THE FOUNDATIONS OF INCLUSION?
WE NEED TO REFRAME WHO OR WHAT WE CALL THE PROBLEM
DIFFERENCE VS. CONTEXT
JACK
BOX
THE BOX IS THE PROBLEM
IT MUST SUCK TO BE ATYPICAL!
NO, JUST different - MORE CREATIVE
THE BELIEF THAT I WAS STUPID WAS MY DISABILITY
NOT SMART
MY MOM IS WHY I'M here
SOUNDED like MINNIE, but swore like a SAILOR!
& struggled in school.
WHAT CAN YOU DO?
1 ADVOCATE FOR ACTIVE LEARNING environments
2 MAKE CONTENT accessible & ASSESS IN multiple WAYS.
3 MOVE TOWARDS UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR learning.
FLIP SCRIPT ON DEFECIT MODEL
STRENTHS
DEFECITS
?!
CHALLENGE THIS & REPLACE IT!
SCREW SPELLING
YOU ARE GOOD AT STORIES!
WHAT ARE YOU GOOD AT?
MR. R
DON'T FIX MY SON, FIGHT FOR HIM.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU ROBERT?
"HE WAS SPIRITUALLY equivalent OF JESUS!
DEFINE YOURSELF BY WHAT YOU CAN DO!
JUAN, YOU ARE AN entrepreneur!
GET GOOD AT something & DO THAT.
WE ARE INTERDEPENDANT
Psychologist
Jonathan's NORMALITY
Go get my cat!
DIFFERENT ISN'T DEFICIENT!
I AM ADHD... THIS IS REAL, BUT PEOPLE WITH attentional DIFFERENCES HAVE ABILITIES THAT ARE POSITIVE in OTHER SITUATIONS
ask HOW IS THAT KID SMART?
THERE ARE OTHER KINDS OF SMART
READING = SMART
JONATHAN, GO BACK TO YOUR RETARDED reading GROUP.
TEACH THE WAY A STUDENT learns - THE ENVIRONMENT AROUND THE STUDENT THAT NEEDS TO CHANGE!
ACCOMMODATE!
I STRUGGLED IN SCHOOL.
OFFICE
SPENT TIME WITH CUSTODIAN & IN THE OFFICE
DIDN'T READ UNTIL I WAS 12.
• ADHD - 4th GR.
• LEFT SCHOOL IN 6th GR.
ANXIETY
DEPRESSION
HOW?
I WILL explain & REJECT subtext...
DISABILITY is DIFFICIENCY
½ EMPTY
• Medical Model is WRONG
DISABILITY IS MANIFESTATION OF HUMAN DIVERSITY
DESK
WHAT IS YOUR PROBLEM?!
WE HAVE A NARROW SET OF institutional NORMS
WE PUT THE PROBLEM IN THE PERSON.
DISABILITY IS IN INTERACTION BETWEEN ATYPICAL BRAIN & EXPERIENCE
THE SHORT BUS
WILSON: I WISH PEOPLE DIDN'T STARE.
BUSINESS ONLY HIRED PROGRAMMERS THAT WERE AUTISTIC OR ON SPECTRUM
MYTH!
WE THINK YOU'RE WIERD!
NORMAL IS A SOCIAL CONSTRUCT
WORDS MATTER
WELL SON, I GUESS YOU'RE GOING TO PROVE HIM WRONG.
BUT I'M PROUD I PROVED OTHERS RIGHT.
BE AN AMBASSADOR & AGENT OF INCLUSION & CHANGE.
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