1. While organization born in Oct 2018, it took months of personally strategizing and vision to kick it off the ground (starting back in May 2018). New school, new people, new teachers. Have to get used to it. Unique opportunity to set traditions and procedures + more freedom, but requires one really important thing: stepping out of comfort zone.

2. No such organization exists in Canada I believe - some similar organizations in the USA. But wasn’t comprehensive enough. There’s no one who is doing a veterans appreciation luncheon following our model either other than the Windsor Historical Society (which we took some inspiration from).

2. Continued strategizing, bouncing off ideas with peers and teachers - our vision and plans and activities underwent tons of edits. Even for the Veterans Luncheon I probably made over 10 rough copies of planning and sketching ideas. Requires perseverance. Commitment. Passion. Talk to people to bounce ideas.

3. Confidence. Can’t be arrogant. Must be example for team. Consistently seek feedback from various sources even when it sounds useless. As introvert it’s hard. But they say Fake it till you make it right? After all these months I’m still nervous when I chair meetings once or twice a week. But I’m okay with it.

4. Delegating tasks and organizing people into committees. Kinda turned useless for a team of 11. Everyone started doing everything. For example if I am the in-school outreach person but my friend Joe has the teacher I was going to outreach to- why not just led Joe do it? Usually the different connections to different people mess this system up. I guess this system only works for large groups like student council. But even then they still cant function properly. Maybe it’s just down to Leadership again I don’t know. I still wonder how we can create organized committees and assign team leads while allowing them maximum choice and freedom. Much to work on. Needs some night time brainstorming. Better go budget that out in my day plan.

5. Community outreach. You can’t pull off a community event without being able to reach out to the community. Go to google. Learn how to do coffee meetings. How to shake hands. How to send emails & phone people. How to pitch ideas to a huge room full of 80 year old seniors. Seek sponsors. Still not perfect. Sometimes awkward. Sometimes too lengthy. But comfortable. I can do it with ease. And then teach others too.