Principal's Report – Dryden High School January 25, 2011

Student Achievement

Semester one is quickly wrapping up. Exams scheduled for the week of Jan 24-27, professional development day on the 28th. Due to bus cancellations on Friday, January 21, 2011 we moved the exam schedule to begin on Tuesday, January 25th. Last day of exams will be Monday, January 31st. The first day of second semester is Tuesday, February 1, 2011.

Student achievement data gathered and reviewed from the school, system, and provincial levels helps to generate a complete picture of the needs of the students at Dryden High School. This indepth analysis reviews student achievement, demographic, program and student and teacher perceptual data and forms the basis for recommendations to promote and sustain school improvement. Monitoring data including customized reports revealing disaggregated results like male versus female, aboriginal versus non-aboriginal and applied/essential versus academic performance helps to guide discussions and provide solutions more concisely. The use of trailing and leading data has its place in moving board, school and individual student achievement along. After looking at mid-term assessment data for semester one of this school year, DHS has an overall course pass rate of 94%. 69% of our students are performing at Level 3 & 4. The next step is to take a closer look at the desegregated data once the end of semester 1 data is downloaded into MISA.

Student Voice

DHS has been approved for a Speak Up project. The project is called "Get Up and Move for Lunch" – Carol Gardam/Student Leadership class and Tanis Oberg submitted the application to the Ministry. The project was approved for \$1000.00. A total of eight projects were approved for our board by the Ministry of Education, they are

| BBSS | Bronco Speaker Series |
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| DHS | Get up and Move for Lunch |
| Ignace | Positive and Healthy Activities for Disengaged Students |
| Ignace | Leadership Committee for Disengaged Students |
| Pinewood | Community Partnerships to Engage Youth Volunteerism |
| RL Madsen | Raven's Relax |
| Upsala | TV Broadcasting by Students |

A project by KP's student trustee was also approved and he will be working alongside Scott Urquhart to promote the above projects to the Trustees and communities.

Student Programs and Pathways

Course selection process and timelines attached. A course pass rate of *94% at the end of midterm reporting period would indicate that the process at DHS for program planning and pathways for students is very successful. The plans to address 6% of the students is very specific with guidance, student success, administrators, students, parents and teachers involved in decision making.

*This number represents students involved in regular classroom programs. PASS (2), Outreach (1), Student Success classes (6), and FNSS (2) classes are not included in this number.

Student Transition Planning

The grade 8 orientation day took place on January 5, 2011. The day was very successful.