

Student Achievement

Second semester mid-term data was shared with staff during the April staff meeting. DHS teachers and administration continue to celebrate that 66% (68% semester 1 mid-term) of our students across all of the grades are achieving at levels 3 & 4 across all curriculum areas. Also, our school wide pass rate for all courses overall was 90% compared to 95% first semester. Our guidance office continues to track our potential graduates to ensure completion of graduation requirements.

Student Voice

Eleanor Skead KPDSB's Aboriginal Student Advisor offered and ran a two day opportunity for Aboriginal students to participate in a "student voice" session. Forty different students participated in the two sessions during the end of March. DHS also sent five students to the board wide student leadership session in Kenora in April. Teacher, Sherry Ambridge took this group of students who participated in developing a model that will be adopted board wide.

Mr. Hodgkinson, also worked with the grade 12 student leadership class to identify priorities that we need to focus on from the Tell Them From Me survey school wide.

Four special needs students had the opportunity to attend the Ontario Leadership Centre for four days in May.

KPDSB also offered opportunity for students to attend a NOEL student leadership opportunity for several students from across the board to attend a session at Old Fort William in early May.

Dave Lyle, from "Hello I Am Leadership" trained twenty senior students to help facilitate character education workshops for grade 9 students throughout the year. Again, the grade 10 Civics students participated in activities as well.

Planning for 2010-2011 School Year

We have begun our planning process for the 2010-2011 school year. There will be some programming changes as we continue to respond to the needs of students at Dryden High School.

- PASS (Parents at Secondary Schools) will continue to run with the program in a newly renovated spot for the new school year
- Summer co-op will be offered this summer
- Continued offering of SHSM in construction and transportation

- Investigating some course options around Student Success and for Aboriginal students

Professional Development for Staff

We continue to provide opportunities for staff at Dryden High School to attend and participate in professional development to further improve practice.

- Continued participation in Board PD around effective instruction.
- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) meet approximately once every 6 weeks to focus on aspects of student instruction and achievement. These groups are program based and focus on items in the school success plan to improve achievement of all students.

District Review Team Visit

The DRT spent 2 days at Dryden High School, Feb 24th and 25th, to visit classrooms, observe instruction, talk to teachers and students and meet with staff. The purpose of the visit is to monitor and validate progress on the school success plan. Recommendations and next steps were shared with staff to further help achieve our goals. The follow up DRT written report is available for your review.