

Principal's Report – Dryden High School  
September 28, 2009

## **Student Achievement**

2009 Graduation results attached  
2009-2010 Enrollment data  
2008-2009 EQAO Mathematics results  
April 2009 OSSLT results

Bill Hovi and Kristen Roulston, our student success teachers will continue to monitor student success by working with students and teachers to identify opportunities for students to recover credits to remain on-track for graduation. We will continue to track student success in grades 11, 12 and 12+. Bill and Kristen will continue to work closely with the guidance department. Our guidance office is already at work tracking our potential graduates to ensure completion of graduation requirements. DHS aims to reach a graduation rate of 85% by 2010.

Anecdotal reports for semester 1 will be available to students on Monday, October 5 and Parent/teacher interviews will take place on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-6:45 pm in the Gordon Wood Auditorium. Parents, as always, are encouraged to attend. Mid-term reports go home on November 9, 2009.

## **Student Voice**

Invitations for DHS's Student Voice group will be going out to students. This will be a group of selected students that advise the school administration on student views and needs. We are in the preliminary stages of organization. The following items are for follow up from 2009-2010 school year:

- The continued implementation of and input from a Student Voice group that is representative of the students at DHS is in alignment with KPDSB-BIP. DHS students will also be surveyed with the tool "Tell Them From Me" prior to October 30, 2009.
- We will be running an intramural program for students at the school. This will provide lunchtime activities for students.
- We will investigate and begin a process to implement and setup a student advocacy office at Dryden High School.

## **Semester 1**

We have made some changes to the programming at DHS:

- Continuous entry literacy (GLS credit) programming (75 minutes per day) for struggling students

- Continuous entry cooperative education, night school co-op opportunities for students who require assistance to remain on track with their credits
- Planning for a 2010 Digital Media SHSM program
- PASS (Parents at Secondary Schools) program

### **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 (KP 6). The first of Five Sessions have taken place. On August 31, the teachers consolidated their skills in Design Down planning. The next board-wide training is taking place on October 8 for school teams to learn about digging deeper with effective instructional teaching strategies, to be delivered to staff on October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) will resume with this year's focus on in-class on demand non-fiction writing, with moderated marking and students and teachers setting predictions for improvement and the diagnostic being written again in 4-6 weeks. Teachers will focus on a high yield effective teaching strategy to improve student writing. Other teachers in the school are already part of board wide PLC's (literacy and numeracy) associated with the BIP.
- This week teams of teachers will have the opportunity to give their input into the School Improvement Plan. The four areas of focus for the plan will be literacy, numeracy, pathways and community/culture/caring.

### **Dryden Youth Center**

The Dryden Youth Centre had its grand opening on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. There were many people on hand for presentations, ribbon cutting and pictures. A dance followed the ceremonies and was well attended. This is a partnership project with various stakeholders and we are happy to host the program at DHS. The center will provide supervised activities for youth and further strengthen our commitment to our youth.