

Principals Report - February 26, 2025

1. SHSM - Creating Pathways to Success

- Board has hired 3 people to support schools with SHSM - ensuring experiential learning opportunities are available for students
- Working to build and continue to develop community partnerships in the following sectors: (1) Arts and Culture, (2) Business, (3) Construction - new this year, (4) Health and Wellness, (5) Hospitality and Tourism, (6) Information and Communications Technology, (7) Non-Profit
- Skills Competition is underway with students participating in culinary, graphic design, robotics, construction
- First time Grade 10 Careers/Civics students will have an opportunity to attend the skills competition on March 4 at the Seaway Mall to learn about skilled trades and pathways available to them

2. Open House

- January 16, 2025
- Excited to welcome parents from associate schools
- Very successful night
- Positive comments from parents/guardians - how respectful and helpful all students were, how pleasant the teachers were

3. Website

- Moving to a new provider for all websites in NCDSB - School Messenger will be the provider, will have a uniformed look across all schools
- Our website will change over approximately March Break

4. School Improvement

- OSSLT fall session ran successfully - approximately 88% success rate, based on our numbers for first time eligible students
- Grade 9 EQAO - 63% students achieving level 3 and 4, no failures
- Math - focus for this year in on balanced assessment - ensuring there are knowledge and understanding, communication, application, and thinking questions - this is also being implemented in all departments
- Also have a problem of practice for math - looking at the data of our incoming students and the discrepancy between Grade 6 EQAO and Grade 8 report card marks and what we are seeing students capable of in the classroom, as well as looking at Grade 9 data - often there is a large gap between marks - trying to determine the cause of the gaps

- Looking at exposing our students to tech more often in class to complete assessments - Knowledgehook or NCVLE to have students complete multiple choice questions - compare right vs wrong, but also have a separate mark for process - in literacy will begin to look at having students read not only in print but also using tech
- This allows for students to experience the same conditions for EQAO/OSSLT as they have in class

5. Transition

- Student Services have been out at our family of schools working on course selection with our incoming Grade 8's
- Working with FOS administration teams to ensure 100% retention rate
- Will gather feedback from FOS to inform next year's plan with a focus on having students in the building more often and highlighting other sports and activities for students to participate in.

6. Mental Health and Well-Being

- School Mental Health Ontario - Helping Your Child Understand and Manage Stress - Handout

7. Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction - March 27th at Club Roma

8. PRO Grant

- Was this discussed at an earlier meeting?
- Was any plan established?