

Dansville High School
School Board Report- November, 2008:

TEACHING FOR LEARNING:

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION:

- Probationary teachers have finished their IDPs. I have been meeting with probationary teachers to discuss their formal observations and evaluations.
- Tenured teachers have all finalized their goals for this school year. When I do the walk-through evaluations, I look for data that will provide feedback re: their goals.
- Teachers have been meeting every two weeks to talk about all students, K-12, in all core subject areas. The teachers are sharing any concerns and Ms. Riebow has been following up with staffings. I have also been following up with students individually re: these reports. Teachers have been following up with students individually as well.
- Ms. Riebow is planning on doing individual or small group meetings with one grade level per nine weeks. This nine weeks she will be meeting with the Juniors.
- Ms. Riebow and I have met re: students who struggled on the last report card. Letters will be sent to parents to initiate staffing meetings. If parents aren't interested in meeting, Ms. Riebow and I will be meeting with students to come up with a plan for success.

TECHNOLOGY:

- Teachers continue to use Edline, Study Island and Examview.
- The Education Foundation gave LCD projectors to the core teachers who previously didn't have them. They also gave five new computers to the library, to be used by all students.

ASSESSMENT:

- The High School was approached by the ISD re: being part of an assessment initiative funded by the State of Michigan. Three consultants from the ISD will be trained and have asked to be coaches for a team of our teachers. The first session will take place in December. The reason for working with Dansville is because of the work our teachers are doing already related to assessment.

LEADERSHIP:

COLLABORATIVE TIME:

- The 6-12 ELA teachers will meet this week to align both reading and writing expectations.

SHARED LEADERSHIP:

- Teachers on the Shared Leadership Team met recently with the ISD Failure is Not an Option coaches to plan the PD on November 26th.
- The high school PD committee has met several times to plan the high school specific PD planned for November 26th.

FACILITIES:

- November 6th and 7th, the heating and cooling issues in the library, old computer lab and two classrooms was evaluated. This is part of the process of preparing to help remodel the High school computer lab.
- We are continually battling issues with our rooftop heating/cooling unit. It was not working again on 11/10/08, forcing teachers and students to wear coats. This is a safety concern.
- The trophy case project is now complete. Eight of the new cases are dedicated to athletics and four will be used to acknowledge academic accomplishments.

PERSONNEL AND PROFESSIONAL LEARNING:

MENTORING PROGRAM:

- Mentors are getting into the classrooms of the mentees to finish their observations. Mentors continue to meet with mentees weekly.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

COMMUNICATION:

- Parents received the report cards for their high school students for the first nine weeks this week.
- Our first MACRO-sanctioned college fair happened at the end of October. Students from Mason, Stockbridge, Leslie and Dansville attended. The feedback was positive overall and improvements will continue to be made for the future.
- Our first Parent Advisory Committee meeting went well. Staff and parents with students at each grade level were represented. One of the requests from the parents that we will be focusing on first is to get teacher websites up and running using Edline.

DATA AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT:

PEARSON INFORM:

- Cori and I are attending a conference this week regarding how to use ACT data in educational planning.

OTHER:

- I continue to attend the county-wide principals meeting to network and get ideas.
- I have attended most all of the approximately 50 IEPs held this fall.
- I attended the MHSAA update meeting
- The girls' volleyball team finished their season last week, with a loss in the District Championship Game on Thursday night after a very successful season.
- We had a very successful home Quiz Bowl competition at the end of October.
- Puttin' on the Hits will take place on Friday, November 14th.
- Winter sports are starting up this week.
- The FFA students who had chickens in the State Poultry competition did extremely well, placing 14th out of 255 entries.