

Dansville High School
School Board Report
February, 2010:

TEACHING FOR LEARNING:

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION & ASSESSMENT:

- The high school teachers are submitting a summary of how they have incorporated Collin's writing method into their courses in the first semester. They also turned in their final exams with documentation of the alignment with the high school content expectations. Based on this information, teachers make adjustments to their curriculum for second semester.
- We will be hosting a team of teachers/administrators from Charlotte High School on Monday, February 22nd. They are coming to visit Amber Van Stempvoort, Dave Klingbiel, Krista Voss and I to learn more about the high school's use of formative assessment and standards-based grading. They will watch Amber and Dave teach and then talk to all of us about the changes we've made.
- Attended an RtI meeting at the Hannah Community Center in East Lansing with Terry Jones, our new RtI Coach. We learned about how to use the Aimsweb reports we'll be getting soon after our first round of testing in January.
- A mentor-mentee meeting took place on February 4th. Mentors and mentees reflected on the first semester, including talking about their progress toward reaching the goals established in their IDPs as well as PDP progress. Areas in which they could use additional help were identified and will be discussed by the staff at the next staff meeting.
- Cori and I met with the students who are doing e2020 during the last week of January. We talked about their progress and future plans. This program has been very beneficial for many of our students.
- The DHS staff put on a low-cost workshop to help the Juniors prepare for the MME exam on Friday, January 29th. Several students took advantage of this opportunity.
- Attended the Personal Curriculum Task Force meeting on Friday, January 29th at the ISD.
- Starting to meet with both probationary and tenured teachers for pre-observation meetings.

TECHNOLOGY:

- As a result of the last Formative Assessment presentation that was given on behalf of DHS, our school received a donation worth more than \$1000. We received a full set of “clickers” and a Mobi, which is a wireless notepad that can be used with the clickers. Amber Van Stempvoort has this equipment and is working on learning how to use all of it before presenting to the staff.
- We received 18 Michigan Virtual School scholarships for second semester. This has helped offset the expense of allowing the Spanish V students to take these courses in the absence of Mrs. Galloway.

LEADERSHIP:

COLLABORATIVE TIME/SHARED LEADERSHIP:

- Part of the Rtl team will attend a full-day workshop on Thursday, Feb. 18th with other schools from the county. The information will be used to help use the Aimsweb data we’ve collected.
- The Student Council committee working on the dress code is working on doing another fashion show, which will be an assembly run by the students.
- A group of staff met to plan for Homeroom. This group is lead by Ms. Riebow.
- Met with the AP teachers to talk about the upcoming tests and policy planning for the future.
- Met with the County Principals, featuring Jim Ballard, executive director of MASSP, who updated us regarding the latest legislation that has been passed, including personal curriculum and Algebra II.

PERSONNEL UPDATES:

- Kathy Nofzinger, high school office manager, submitted a letter announcing her retirement. Kathy will be greatly missed!

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

COMMUNICATION/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

- The high school Parent Advisory Committee met at the beginning of February. Teachers, Ms. Riebow, parents and I talked about new initiatives as well as existing programs. The feedback has resulted in new ideas that will be incorporated in our College Readiness programs as well as more communication via School Reach. Parents were very concerned about what schedule the HS will be running next year.

- FAFSA Night took place at the end of January. Several Seniors and their parents attended this event. Thank you to Mrs. Shannon Price, who volunteers to run this for our school. We receive a lot of positive feedback from parents regarding this meeting.
- The Green Team is organizing an effort to participate in the Mid-Michigan High Schools for Haiti. They are baking cupcakes to raise money and will start collecting goods as well.
- The Green Team is working on starting school-wide cardboard recycling, which may eventually be available to the community.
- The CIA- Dansville students are selling t-shirts to raise awareness regarding breast cancer and to raise money for Mrs. Galloway.
- We continue to use School Reach as a primary communication tool. We've encouraged parents to use Power School Parent Portal, invited parents to the Parent Advisory Committee meeting and

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Our student count is currently 300.
- Congratulations to DHS Senior Lauren Byars, whose play was chosen as one of the Top 12 in the Young Playwrite's Festival sponsored by the Wharton Center. She won \$100 and is in the process of editing her play for final submission. If her play is chosen as one of the Final 6, it will be performed at the Wharton. Lauren is Dansville High School's first Final 12 finalist.
- The high school drama club performed the Little Play last week for each of the three schools.
- Our FFA students did extremely well at the last week at the District competition. In the Job Interview category, Lauren Byars took first and Caitlyn Carpenter took third. Emily Calderone took first in extemporaneous public speaking while the team of Hannah Slabaugh, Cy Lapinski, Kelsey Fordham, Amanda Austin and Jeremy Demers took third and earned a silver in Parliamentary Procedure. Nathaniel Myer and Josh Demers took 4th in the category of Demonstration, earning a gold. Tristan Slabaugh took 5th in the Creed category. Ariel Filonczuk earned a 4th and Wayne De Block took 6th in Public Speaking.
- Band-a-rama will take place on February 22 at 7:15 pm. Mr. Norman works hard to plan his concerts around athletics and unfortunately it is at the same time as the Board meeting.

- Congratulations to the high school Wrestling team. They won the Division 4 Team Districts meet last week. This is the second year in a row they've advanced as a team to Regionals. We also had 8 wrestlers advance to individual Regionals. The team regional meet will take place on Wednesday, February 17th at 6 pm in Ithaca.
- Congratulations to the high school Girl's Basketball team as they continue to do extremely well and were recently the Channel 6 Team of the Week. They play Laingsburg this Friday at home.

UPCOMING DHS EVENTS:

- *March 2 and 3- Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- *March 9- MME; Juniors only attend**
- *March 10- MME in the morning**
- *March 11- MME in the morning**
- *March 17- Lift-a-thon**
- *March 20- Puttin' On the Hits**
- *March 23- Dual Enrollment Info Night**
- *March 24- Evening of Song**
- *March 25- Staff vs. Student Basketball Game? (evening)**
- *April 1- End of Third Marking Period**