



"Success begins here!"

R.D. Parker Collegiate

Community Report 2009-2010

School Profile:

- 965 Students
- 74 Teachers
- 4 Administrators
- 8 Office and Support Staff
- 17 Educational Assistants
- 11 Caretakers



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OUR MISSION: We believe that students are entitled to learn in a safe, respectful and caring community and that providing this environment will increase our students' success and set the foundation for a journey of lifelong learning.

Year in Review: Highlights of 2009-2010

RDPC welcomed a new principal, Mr. Ryan Land and the staff identified the school vision, "Success begins here!" The year proved to be an especially positive one with a healthy mix of achievement, enrichment and school improvement. On June 25th, 131 students graduated in front of a large audience at the arena.

Two groups of students travelled to Europe this year for the Victory in Europe Tour and the French Trip. Several students also travelled to Ontario for Green Mining

Camp, Forum for Young Canadians, and Skills Canada. Our music, science, and athletic programs once again travelled extensively across Western Canada to participate and compete.

One of the most significant events of the year was the Baraboo musical theatre production which included participation from the community and all of the elementary schools. The year also saw the 10th anniversary of the Youth Aboriginal Conference and the retirement of Mr. Mackie,

Mrs. Waldner, Mr. Pelchat and long-time EA Vera Burt.

RDPC's Physical Education Department received a Kinsmen Award for its contributions to the community. In addition, Mrs. Hainstock was recognized by Brandon University as a distinguished teacher, Mr. Harwood received the MHSAA Jostens Volunteer Award, and Mrs. Waldner was the recipient of the Murray McPherson Award for her outstanding contributions to math. Way to go RDPC!

School Priorities and Planning for 2009-2010

Planning for this past school year was based on the results of the School Effectiveness Review that was conducted two years ago. The following five focus areas for school improvement were identified:

- Adaptive Leadership
- Caring, Respectful, Healthy Environment
- Responsive Curriculum and Assessment
- Authentic Partnerships
- Comprehensive Prevention and Intervention

The staff set goals in October, while reviewing and renewing our commitment to programs and initiatives such as the Teen Moms Program, the Department Head Structure and literacy initiatives. We also set goals to improve our registration process, enhance assessment practices and increase parental engagement and communication.

In order to measure our progress, we conducted the Teacher Survey portion of the review again and the results were exceptionally positive. Here are a few highlights:

- 83.3% gave RDPC a grade of A, B, or C (compared with 50% in 2007-2008)
- Over 80% agreed or strongly agreed that the principal is available and accepts responsibility for the school (up from 50%)
- 67.3% agreed or strongly agreed that leadership at RDPC is effective (up from 29.55%)
- 73.3% felt that students show respect for one another (up from 47.73%)
- 70% agreed or strongly agreed that the school communicates effectively with parents (up from 29.55%)
- 75% support the school's vision (up from 47.73%)

What's New for Next Year

Grade Nine Program

Success in Grade 9 is one of the most significant predictors for graduation and academic achievement. With this in mind, our Grade 9 Program will:

- Provide more choice and opportunity with ½ credit electives
- Include a ½ credit of Skills for Independent Living in Grade 9 English Language Arts
- See students completing an education plan and putting together an academic, career and life skills portfolio
- Offer an additional ½ credit in Math through an integrated Information and Communications Technology course
- Build relationships and success through compulsory course groupings

Credit Recovery Program

In an attempt to provide flexible learning options for credit acquisition, we will offer several sections of "credit recovery" for students who:

- Achieved 35% or better, but did not receive a credit in a Grade 9 or 10 compulsory course
- Would like to "recover," rather than "re-do," one or more compulsory Grade 9 or 10 courses
- Submit a completed referral form to the Credit Recovery teacher (completed by the original teacher of the course)

Mineral Sciences

Thanks in part to a generous endowment gift from Vale, the Mineral Sciences Industrial Vocational Program is back. More information, is available through Mr. Kreuger at 677-6204.



PARENT COUNCIL WANTS YOU!

Do you have concerns, ideas or suggestions about R.D. Parker Collegiate? Do you want to get involved? Our Parent Advisory Council meets once a month in the RDPC Library. For more information, please contact Mr. Land at 677-6202.



School Priorities for 2010-2011

After reflecting on the data from the year, and considering the feedback we have received from parents and community stakeholders, we have identified four school priorities for next year. We will strive to:

1. Ensure continued consistency with rules and expectations.
2. Increase attendance rates and reduce tardiness.
3. Improve information and communication technology.
4. Continue to work on 'staff working as a team.'