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Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board Celebrates 21st Century Learning

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North Bay, ON – Students and staff from across the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board (NPSC) gathered at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall (SJSH) today for an interactive student symposium focused on collaboration, creativity, coding and technology-enabled learning.

The event joined selected students in Grade 5 and 6 and teacher leads for a day of workshops and a keynote address from Derek Tangredi, the director of Integrated Science Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Mathematics (STEAM) Education at Fair Chance Learning. SJSH student, David Moore, was also a keynote speaker presenting to students about his work developing apps and starting his own business.

Both presentations addressed the opportunities coding and STEAM education can provide and discussed evidence-based practices that support computational thinking.

“We are thrilled to be facilitating this important day of learning,” says Paula Mann, Superintendent of Education at NPSC. “Engagement with technology like we’ve seen in workshops today builds students’ ability to develop global competencies such as innovation and creativity. This kind of learning also ensures that they experience opportunities to develop their mindset, resilience and collaboration skills to utilize a variety of technology now and to support their future pathways,” she adds.

Upon return to their schools, students will bring back their learning and share their findings with their peers to help spread the excitement around coding and new technology.

“This model allows students to be at the centre of their learning,” says Peter Anello, Technology Enabled Learning Facilitator at NPSC. “By empowering students to take a leadership role in their own learning and sharing it with their peers, students naturally learn about creative problem solving, collaboration and communication, all skills which will help prepare them for employment in the 21st century.”

Photo: (left to right) Carlo Pincivero and Arthur Maillet

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