

Report - Workshop on Sharing and Learning Together

Delhi Public School, Sector 45, Gurgaon organized a workshop, 'Sharing and Learning Together' which was conducted by Head of School, DPS International, Ms Rima Singh, Secondary School Principal, DPS International Ms Seema Kaushal, and Primary School Principal, DPS International Ms Kamal Shah, on 13th May 2023. The workshop was attended by all HODs, Deputy HODs, Academic Coordinators and Junior School Subject Coordinators.

The introduction to the workshop was through a Padlet activity wherein the participants were asked to introduce themselves sharing an artifact that represented them and was indicative of a strength which helps them in the school environment.

Ms Rima set the ball rolling by sharing the pedagogical approaches to be followed by the teachers for increasing their competencies. Being a teacher in the 21st century, requires her to be skilled in maneuvering through the VUCA world namely a world full of volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity. She also highlighted David Perkins' Beyond Education approach i.e. SIX BEYONDS to be incorporated while planning the curriculum and the co-curricular activities as it helps bridge the gap between classroom learning and its practical application in the real world. By engaging in higher order thinking tasks, students learn to analyze, evaluate and synthesize information and hone their abilities, to think creatively and critically.

Ms Kamal took the baton further drawing light on the System Thinking Iceberg Model, 2/10 strategy and Social Emotional Learning Rubric which allows the educators and students to develop a deeper understanding of the underlying structures and patterns that influence the classroom environment and learning outcomes. Rather than solely focussing on the behaviour of a student, educators were encouraged to explore the latent reasons that may be contributing to their stress, frustration and anxiety, thus devising a strategy for being more empathetic and understanding.

The last segment of the workshop was all about creating an interesting recipe for an Inter-disciplinary unit which emphasized upon preparing students for the real-life situations. The workshop followed a collaborative approach as it was replete with group activities, case studies, scenarios and a project based on an inter-disciplinary approach. To conclude, the strategies for increasing the efficiency of the teachers and the essential characteristics of a 21st century educator were also shared which truly enlightened the attendees. It was indeed an exciting and enriching session!

