

## **STUDENT ASSEMBLY COMMENTS:**

### **Question #6 - What surprised you the most in the small group session?**

When I saw how many people put they're hand up when you asked how many people know someone who has had thoughts of suicide, acted on their suicidal thoughts or has died of suicide, I have tried it before

What surprised me the most was how he did not sugar coat anything.

That someone actually understood my problems

How real it was - our school needed to hear what Dwayne said

What surprised me the most was how straight forward and relatable the presentation was

Amanda Todd story

That he said tears aren't bad or weak, they are a gift

That teachers could name their childhood bullies

Seeing that it touched people. I saw people that were in tears

That everyone left talking about the presentation

I was surprised that I learned things I would have never thought about

How looking at old things in a new light changes my viewpoint

How in touch he was with our generation

That somehow he got the message across better than any other person has

That school could be the only safe place for some children

The health problems that can occur after bullying

That some kids up to 12 can't tell the difference between what is real or fake

Drinking you way to alcohol induced Dementia

That cliques can come together

The statistics and the emphasis on change being in our hands

That only 6% of people are bullies and 60% of those will have a criminal record by age 24

That so many aren't able to talk to their parents about their day to day problems

Is how much it actually connected with me and how I could relate to what he was talking about

It actually brought emotions into the mix and helped people realize it's real and not just facts in a textbook

The stories helped me realize some things I need to change

Realizing that sometimes I do let my phone control my life

I don't think anything really surprised me but I will say that this presentation didn't leave anything out. It wasn't sugar coated and covered with candy. It was the bucket of cold water. Nothing was left out

He actually connected with us

How enthusiastic he was

It wasn't boring and had a big impact

An adult actually understood us

The desensitizing from video games

How he understands youth, he gives choices instead of orders

The 6 points to do if you are being bullied

I was surprised in how I was effected as a person that has been picked on for 4 years, it really helped me not to kill myself

I wasn't expecting such a powerful and meaningful message that me realize so many important life decisions

The cruelty of some people

The amount people who didn't know that their bad decisions can affect other people

It wasn't fluff and that he got into detail and was really interesting

About how inspirational it was

How much it actually got to me

How big the Criminal Code of Canada is

That even if you don't mean any harm, you can still be in the wrong

There are a lot more people in need than I thought

That a parent is capable of taking off their "Superman Cape"

That I am not the only one who makes bad choices

We could care more about someone's life by showing and saying positive things, helping, and cheering them up

The correlation between being active and depression rates

The affect your words can have on other people ( + or -)

How well everyone listened and participated

Unlike most presentations he said the truth, the whole truth

How the presentation addressed problems about LGBT and the type of insults people use in this age

That he talked so passionately about the topics

The age of sexual orientation suicides

That I was interested in what he had to say, unlike all the other assemblies we've had here

Being honest I expected something super boring but it was something I found I could connect and relate to

That one person can make a difference

How much information there was that I didn't know that was so important

That it touch deep topics

The length of it but in a good way as it covered a lot of information

That he was so open about his life

All the hands that went when he asked questions

The number of legal options available in serious cases

Actually almost all, I knew the stuff but the examples he gave of what happens helped it sink in

Tobacco reduces life span

The number of students that went to him about their suicide thoughts

Impact of violent video games on people's minds

How many answers I already have to problems I thought were hopeless

I left feeling like I had learnt something valuable

How much Dwayne Peace can open eyes and get people thinking

How many kids really did need help and wanted to belong

Dwayne's personal stories were very interesting

How true everything he said was right

I liked that he was honest with us because if he was not we would not see the truth in what was said

How many people raised their hands for certain things

That he saved more people doing this than in the police force

The depth of the presentation

How strong the speaker was about the importance of the presentation

The small percentage of bullies

The extreme danger of sexting

That it was impactful

How much of an impact it had on me

The energy of Dwayne

That Dwayne was fun

It surprised me how desensitized everyone is

That he was so thorough, which was impressive

How much he understood about how kids think and feel

How much Dwayne cared

That he saved lives

That a police officer came and got through to us

That there were stories about him in it

How much life skills I learned in 3 hours

It was interesting and made me believe that people can understand what we're going through

Some of the topics were more serious than expected

How many things I didn't know about consequences of bullying

How many topics he touched on

That the concerns addressed were actually relevant

The accurate information that was provided

That it was actually very helpful

I was surprised by how relatable Dwayne was

The amount of inspiration the presentation gave off

How much it has made a change

How great of a speaker you are!

How relatable it was, and how well it was presented

That it was true & he spoke the truth & he got to the point

How entertaining it was

It wasn't all heavy information, there were laughs and smiles

It was very captivating, it makes me think about how I act

How interesting it actually was and educating it all was

The amount of people who contacted Dwayne about suicide

How detailed and great the presentation was

The amount of passion Dwayne Peace had for his work

How many people don't have a safe place in their lives

The video game part was the most surprising to me

That brain scan of the anorexic 13 year old as normal

That video games can desensitized kids

The amount of information provided

How accurate he was

Time flew

How bad tobacco is