

Presentations

Community Partnerships Presentation

Superintendents of Learning, Katherine MacIver and Andrea Gillespie shared with trustees the importance of school board partnerships with community agencies and professionals to support student achievement and well-being. The school board works with community partners toward common goals, enhancing the work that is taking place with and for students in classrooms and schools across the district.

School board staff regularly meet with community partners at planning tables and other meetings to ensure a common language is used, there is alignment between the school board and the agency, and that Ministry of Education mandates are being followed by all those involved. This results in either formal or informal partnerships depending on the level of service being implemented.

TLDSB has over 40 partnership agreements with a variety of agencies and organizations. There are formal partnerships, which may include a memorandum of understanding and/or third party agreement. And there are many informal partnerships where an agency will offer classroom presentations or attend meetings within the school board.

Community partners offer **programs** to support students, which generally take place outside of classroom instructional time. Examples include: YWCA Girlz Space, Girls Unplugged, Boys Quest; Big Brothers Big Sisters in-school mentoring; John Howard Society Toward a Healthy Future; Boys and Girls Club REACH, Take It Easy, Flex Your Head; and grief support groups. **Services** to support students require a process for temporary excusal from class. Examples include: mental health walk-in clinics; mental health counselors; addictions counselors; CCAC nurses; family health teams; specialized services such as occupational therapy, physiotherapy; and Community Living services.

Growth in the number of community partnerships over the last several years has been encouraging. The school board is seeing more and more community partners coming into schools to work in partnership to support our students.

Administrative Reports

2016-2017 Math Update

Superintendents of Learning, Bruce Barrett and Andrea Gillespie provided trustees with an update on math learning in TLDSB. Focus for the school year has been on “Knowing Our Students” and “Improving

Teacher Content Knowledge.” Tagging this as “our math journey,” Gillespie emphasized that care is being taken to ensure that professional development aligns with TLDSB philosophy.

In both secondary and elementary schools, there have been a number of opportunities for teachers and administrators through professional learning provided by the Ministry of Education, TLDSB’s web-conferencing (ADOBE Connect), principals meetings, and more.

The focus in this year’s “math journey” is on how administrators and teachers can use assessment and evaluation strategies to know where students are in math and how to support them in moving forward. Teachers are expanding their content knowledge in the area of number senses and place value, as well as their understanding of the components to effective math instruction.

Announcements

Administrative Retirement

The following administrative retirement was approved:

Maxine Jordan, Principal at Mariposa Elementary School effective March 31, 2017.

Future Meetings:

MEETING	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Committee of the Whole	February 14, 2017	6:30 p.m.	Minden
Regular Board Meeting	February 28, 2017	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay
Regular Board Meeting	March 21, 2017	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay
Committee of the Whole	April 11, 2017	6:30 p.m.	Bracebridge
Regular Board Meeting	April 25, 2017	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay
Committee of the Whole	May 9, 2017	6:30 p.m.	Minden
Regular Board Meeting	May 23, 2017	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay
Regular Board Meeting	June 13, 2017	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay
Regular Board Meeting	August 29, 2017	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay

All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. with the In-Camera agenda. The public portion of all meetings begins at approximately 6:30 p.m. Videoconference facilities are available in Minden, Bracebridge, and Lindsay with prior notice to the Communications Department. The live webcast of **Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees** is found at www.tldsb.ca.