

Presentations

Gravenhurst Public School

A very exciting activity took place last year at Gravenhurst Public School encompassing outdoor learning, student inquiry, social studies, history, and the positive use of social media. Teacher Caron Wright along with four young archeologists presented their findings to trustees from an archeological dig at the school.

Quite by accident, after reading a book in class, Caron Wright's class began to ask questions about the former schools that had once been on the Gravenhurst Public School property. After taking a walk on the school property, the students discovered some artifacts on the ground and just under the soil. The class worked together to map out the area and began to dig up discoveries which included parts of an old book, part of a desk, nails, bricks, and more. Math lessons were used to help measure out grids and the depth of their pit. Students mapped everything that they collected. Each time something was found the teacher tweeted out the discover – with lots of followers, resulting in a visit from the local media.



Administrative Reports

Additional PA Day

As part of the provincial contracts negotiated earlier this school year with elementary and secondary teachers unions, an additional professional activity day is to be included in each school year. This will result in an additional PA day for the 2015-2016 school year. **Friday, March 11, 2016** was approved as the additional PA day for the 2015-2016 school year for elementary and secondary students.

Elementary schools in TLDSB will be holding parent-teacher interviews from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2016.

Policies and Procedures

The following policies and procedures were approved following review:

ES-5040/5041	Experiential Learning
ES-5045/5046	Fees for Learning Materials and Activities
ES-5564/5565	Health Support Services
OP-6511/6512	Asthma Support and Response in Schools
BU-3040	Insurance
BU-3005	Cheque Signing
BU-3010	Borrowing for Client Expenditure

Future Meetings:

MEETING	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Committee of the Whole	February 9, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Minden
Regular Board Meeting	February 23, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay
Regular Board Meeting	March 22, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay
Committee of the Whole	April 12, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Bracebridge
Regular Board Meeting	April 26, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay
Committee of the Whole	May 10, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Minden
Regular Board Meeting	May 24, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay
Regular Board Meeting	June 14, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay
Regular Board Meeting	August 30, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay
Committee of the Whole	September 13, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Bracebridge
Regular Board Meeting	September 27, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay
Committee of the Whole	October 11, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Minden
Regular Board Meeting	October 25, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay
Committee of the Whole	November 8, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Bracebridge
Regular Board Meeting	November 22, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay
Annual Organizational Meeting	December 13, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay

All meetings begin at 5:30 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.