

Presentations

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Trillium Lakelands District School Board received an award from the Ontario Student Trustees Association acknowledging support from the board. Director of Education Larry Hope presented the award to Student Trustee Brigid Goulem and Board Chair Louise Clodd.



LEED Certification

Director of Education, Larry Hope, presented a plaque to Trustee Chair Louise Clodd and Superintendent of Business, Bob Kaye for the recent LEED certification for the new Muskoka Education Centre in Bracebridge. A presentation was made at this month's Committee of the Whole Meeting in Bracebridge on February 10. At that meeting, Senior Manager of Facility Services, Craig Young, described some of the building procedures and materials that were considered prior to receiving LEED certification. A number of green measures were implemented in the building of the Muskoka Education Centre in pursuit of LEED silver certification. These include: use of recycled building materials, Forest Stewardship Council certified wood, low emitting materials, and a comprehensive green housekeeping and product purchasing plan.



Inclusion in the Classroom

Superintendent of Elementary School Improvement Andrea Gillespie introduced a team from Monck Public School – Principal, Caroline Pattison, Teacher Administrative Assistant, Jen Richter, Special Education Resource Teacher, Beth Boyd, and Grade 3-4 teacher, Kim Smith. Staff at the school work with a student named Sadie who has Angelman Syndrome which is a



genetic disorder with characteristic features that include severe speech impairment, seizures, walking and balance disorders, and developmental delays.

The school has a large team that helps with the programming and a smaller team to work on implementing support strategies in the classroom. The larger team includes the school board speech and language pathologist as well as community agency partners such as occupational therapists.

The program established at Monck Public School, is focused on including Sadie and her fellow students in classroom activities and learning. Teachers Beth Boyd and Kim Smith have found teaching Sadie to be a fascinating journey which has helped educators understand the use of alternative learning devices. Assistive technology and other specialists have come to observe Sadie in the classroom. The work being done at Monck has been so impressive that Boyd and Smith were invited to present information about the inclusive classroom at an international conference in Chicago.

Administrative Reports:

Strategic Action Plan Update

School Board Senior administration provided an update on activities and initiatives in the 2014-2015 Strategic Action Plan. Director of Education Larry Hope highlighted a number of items for trustees.

Suspensions and Expulsions

Superintendent of Specialized Services and Safe and Accepting Schools reviewed suspension and expulsion data for the past six years including comparisons between years, the beginning of the school year compared to end of school year, month over month, and males versus females. Rates continue to decline and there are a number of alternatives to suspension being implemented across the board when circumstances permit.

Future Meetings:

| MEETING | DATE | TIME | LOCATION |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Regular Board Meeting | March 24, 2015 | 6:30 p.m. | Lindsay |
| Committee of the Whole | April 14, 2015 | 6:30 p.m. | Minden |
| Regular Board Meeting | April 28, 2015 | 6:30 p.m. | Lindsay |
| Committee of the Whole | May 12, 2015 | 6:30 p.m. | Bracebridge |
| Regular Board Meeting | May 26, 2015 | 6:30 p.m. | Lindsay |
| Regular Board Meeting | June 9, 2015 | 6:30 p.m. | Lindsay |
| Regular Board Meeting | August 25, 2015 | 6:30 p.m. | Lindsay |
| Committee of the Whole | September 8, 2015 | 6:30 p.m. | Minden |
| Regular Board Meeting | September 22, 2015 | 6:30 p.m. | Lindsay |
| Committee of the Whole | October 13, 2015 | 6:30 p.m. | Bracebridge |
| Regular Board Meeting | October 27, 2015 | 6:30 p.m. | Lindsay |
| Committee of the Whole | November 10, 2015 | 6:30 p.m. | Minden |
| Regular Board Meeting | November 24, 2015 | 6:30 p.m. | Lindsay |
| Organizational Meeting | December 8, 2015 | 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.