

**Trustee Reports**

Trustee John Byrne was elected as the new Vice Chair and the new OPSBA alternate delegate for Trillium Lakelands District School Board. Former Vice Chair, Tony Armstrong, resigned for personal reasons.

**Presentation**

**Suicide Intervention, Prevention, and Postvention Strategy**

Superintendent of Special Education, Shelley Woon, presented to trustees the TLDSB suicide intervention, prevention, and postvention strategy. The focus in the board is that we are positioned well to support youth with communication, education, and support. Work is being done to be sure that everyone in the system is aware of the supports available.

Supports in schools include TLDSB staff counsellors as well as community agency partners. "SafeTalk" training is being provided to school staff and selected students who are older than 15. Training will also be offered to secretaries, custodians, executive assistants, and other support staff. Posters have been developed to help remind staff and students to watch for signs and seek help when they see someone who may be in trouble.



**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Strategic Action Plan Update**

Director of Education Hope provided an update to trustees on all the initiatives and programs ongoing throughout this school year in TLDSB. Items highlighted that impact staff, students, parents and community include: classroom instruction; information communication



technology; healthy active living; children’s mental health; First Nation, Métis, Inuit education; sound-fields; self-selected professional development; district support visits; earn-a-laptop; restorative practice training; suicide prevention; community partnerships; parent handbook for special education; and transition to high school.

### Suspensions and Expulsions

Kevin Cutler, Superintendent of Safe and Accepting Schools, provided trustees a mid-year update on suspensions and expulsions in the board. Data assists in the recognition of trends and anomalies in relation to safe schools in TLDSB. Elementary suspensions have risen slightly from September to January and have decreased in secondary schools. Suspension and expulsion rates continue to decline year over year. There are a number of alternatives to suspensions that are offered in schools to support students.

### Administration Changes

The following information was shared with trustees: Ana Mena will transfer from Principal at Woodville Elementary School to Principal at Parkview Public School; Dawn Sudsbury, currently the vice principal at Lady Mackenzie Public School will become the Acting Principal at Woodville Elementary School.

## Future Meetings:

2014		
March 25, 2014	Regular Board Meeting	Lindsay
April 8, 2014	Committee of the Whole	Bracebridge
April 22, 2014	Regular Board Meeting	Lindsay
May 13, 2014	Committee of the Whole	Minden
May 27, 2014	Regular Board Meeting	Lindsay
June 10, 2014	Regular Board Meeting	Lindsay

All meetings begin at 6 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](http://www.tldsb.ca).