

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BOARD ROOM

Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, February 26, 2013

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Secondary School Achievement Data

Bruce Barrett, Superintendent of Secondary School Improvement and Student Success, highlighted the progress by students in secondary school courses since the beginning of the school year. Just under half of all classes in grade 9 have a 100% pass rate. Barrett indicated that if students have success right at the beginning of their high school experience, their chances of overall success are increased – success begets success. TLDSB staff has worked very hard at ensuring that students have success soon after they begin high school. The volume of 100% credit accumulation rate is similarly high for Grade 10 students. Every student can have success, and educators advance that belief in everything designed to engage students.

2012-2013 Mid-Year Strategic Action Plan update

Director of Education, Larry Hope, shared information about ongoing work taking place in TLDSB schools as outlined in the 2012-2013 Strategic Action Plan. The plan outlines projects, programs, and initiatives that follow the strategic directions set for the school board by trustees: Student engagement and achievement, staff engagement and development, and parent and community engagement.

Program Enhancement Projects Update

Trustees had previously requested an update on the status of program enhancement projects based on the current labour situation in the board. At this point eight projects are undecided, three projects will not proceed, and thirty-six will proceed as planned.

Awards & Accomplishments:

Speech Language Pathologist, **Trish Dillabough**, has recently been awarded the Honours of the Association Award from the Ontario Speech Language and Audiologists Association (OSLA). This honour is awarded to members who have been recognized by their peers for contributions made to the profession of audiology and speech language pathology.

Director's Office & Communication Manager, **Catherine Shedden**, recently attained accreditation in public relations (APR). Professionals using this designation demonstrate a broad knowledge, experience, and professional judgment in the field, as well as a commitment to the strategic and ethical practice of public relations.

Student Trustee and grade 12 LCVI student, **Hana Ready**, recently received a \$36,000 Queen's University scholarship.

Raine Storey, a grade 12 Fenelon Falls Secondary School student, recently received a Loran University scholarship worth up to \$70,000.

Future Meetings:

2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR		
March 26, 2013	Regular Board Meeting	Lindsay
April 9, 2013	Committee of the Whole	Minden
April 23, 2013	Regular Board Meeting	Lindsay
May 14, 2013	Committee of the Whole	Bracebridge
May 28, 2013	Regular Board Meeting	Lindsay
June 11, 2013	Regular Board Meeting	Lindsay

All meetings begin at 6 p.m. with the In-Camera agenda. The public portion of all meetings begin 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**.