

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mental Health Update

Superintendent of Special Education Shelley Woon introduced Manager of Mental Health and Student Services, Deborah Warring, to share about children and youth mental health and addictions initiatives that are occurring throughout the school board and in our communities. TLDSB is a leader in the province in the implementation of the mental health initiative.

There are many mental health initiatives taking place around the board including the introduction of a suicide protocol, memorandums of understandings with community partners, restorative practices, mental health literacy, and the introduction of new curriculum to address concerns around children exhibiting anxiety. Promotion and teaching of resiliency to students is very important, and the focus in TLDSB is not just on mental illness supports and services, but also on mental health and student well-being.

Many community partners throughout the board are providing valuable programs in schools to support students. Stigma reduction is a new initiative that is being introduced in the board in partnership with a number of our community partners.

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Director of Education, Larry Hope, updated trustees on feedback received from the Terry Fox Foundation thanking TLDSB schools for participation in the national school run. Close to \$117,000 was raised by TLDSB schools.

There have been some fabulous training opportunities for teachers, administrators, central office staff and others across the district in the last while. Stephen Covey 7 Habits training for mentors took place this week and will continue later in May. A leadership symposium was held for two days for a number of TLDSB teachers from across the district. Two superintendents attended a provincial leadership conference with invited principals and teachers. This was a great opportunity for educators to be part of

a focus on leadership and influence which was inspiring and motivational for those who attended. A new hire orientation for support staff will be taking place at the board office tomorrow.

Many areas in the school board are currently under a state of emergency due to flooding. On Friday afternoon it became apparent that there may be some difficulty in getting some buses down roads that might be closed or under significant amounts of water in parts of Muskoka. Central office staff worked with affected school principals to ensure that plans were in place in case students had to return to school to wait for parent pick up. Thankfully by 5 p.m. all students had been picked up by parents or delivered to their homes.

On Sunday, school board officials were contacted by Minden Hills emergency services to request that Archie Stouffer Elementary School close due to a state of emergency. The school was closed to students and staff on Monday, to students on Tuesday. After consultation with Minden officials, it has been decided that the school will reopen tomorrow. A contingency plan is in place in case of any emergency and students will not be permitted to leave the school property during the school day.

Future Meetings:

2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR		
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.