

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Swearing In of 2013-2014 Student Trustee

Jillian Hawley, the elected student trustee for 2013-2014 was sworn in as student trustee. Jillian will lead the G7 Student Senate (elected student representatives from each of the seven secondary schools) at several meetings throughout the year culminating in a year-end student leadership conference. She will also attend all board and committee of the whole meetings representing the student voice at the board table.



School Renovations and Repairs

Superintendent of Business, Bob Kaye, provided an update on construction projects ongoing at many TLDSB schools throughout the summer. Over \$8 million of construction projects and school renewal work was undertaken in preparation for the start of school on September 3, ranging from full day kindergarten additions to roofing, landscaping, cafeteria and tech shop renovations, replacement windows, video surveillance, and more.

Suspension and Expulsions

Kevin Cutler, Superintendent of Safe Schools presented data on suspensions and expulsions from the 2012-2013 school year including some of the trends and actions planned to continue to reduce numbers. Overall suspension numbers decreased in the board by 88 from the previous year. Data was shown over time, by gender, and average length of suspension. TLDSB is continuing to show a decline in the number of one-day suspensions.

Strategic Directions Feedback

Director of Education, Larry Hope reminded everyone about the TLDSB Strategic Directions document which highlights our three goals: student engagement and achievement; staff engagement and development; and parent and community engagement. A feedback survey extended to all stakeholders received 59 responses, 30% of which were teachers. Although this is not a high number of respondents, all feedback is valid. The written feedback is very helpful to senior administration and the following themes have emerged for consideration in the new school year: the continued importance of leadership development; improving open and transparent communication internally and externally; relevant professional development for all staff; and reaching out to stakeholders.

Future Meetings:

2013		
September 10, 2013	Committee of the Whole Board	Minden
September 24, 2013	Regular Board Meeting	Lindsay
October 8, 2013	Committee of the Whole Board	Bracebridge
October 22, 2013	Regular Board Meeting	Lindsay
November 12, 2013	Committee of the Whole Board	Minden
November 26, 2013	Regular Board Meeting	Lindsay
December 10, 2013	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.