

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

#### Program Enhancement Projects

Elementary school teacher Brian Andreason and secondary school teacher Kristy Mulligan, along with three students from BMLSS, provided trustees with an overview of the TLDSB Canoeing Leadership Program. Using guidelines from ORCKA, the governing body for canoeing and kayaking for Ontario, students spend time at the Yearley Outdoor Education Centre receiving instruction. Skills are developed in boat safety and paddling leading to a canoe instructor certificate. These high school



students can then instruct elementary students. Students described the certification process, basic canoe levels, camping-canoe trips including portages. The mission of the program is to get elementary and secondary students engaged in school, improve health, and improve learning. Organizers want to continue to have grade 11 and 12 students teach grade 7 and 8 students and provide access to the cycle of learning to all schools in Muskoka and Haliburton.

King Albert Public School teachers, Kristie Hainer and Julie Montford, showcased their Program Enhancement project "It Takes a Village to Raise a Reader." This program worked to engage parents in the school community. Contacts were made to several community partners to assist the school in



engaging in a number of projects throughout the school year which were designed to help parents. "To empower students we need to empower parents," stated the teachers. A wide variety of skills were introduced to King Albert parents including workshops from health unit dieticians on nutritious meals that can be made from items found at food banks, a presentation from the City of Kawartha Lakes on how to obtain and use a library card, as well as interactive activities for both children and parents from early years

organizations. Several other presentations were made by organizations (ie. Victoria County Career Services and the REAL program at TLDSB's own AETC) available for parents to help with career planning, and furthering education particularly for parents who have not yet obtained their high school graduation diploma.

### Secondary School EQAO Report

Superintendent of Secondary School Improvement and Student Success, Bruce Barrett presented the latest results and context around the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) and Grade 9 Math EQAO assessments. Superintendent of Special Education, Shelley Woon provided trustees with information for these assessments for students with special needs. Although there has been a drop from last year for applied students in both assessments, over a longer time period, the board has seen steady growth and continues to outpace the province. Over the past five years, two TLDSB secondary schools have been profiled by EQAO as exemplary schools in providing programming that is responsive to the needs of students in the school. This year Huntsville High School was highlighted by EQAO. The plan for the board is to continue to focus on helping students understand visual math concepts.

### Future Meetings:

2013		
November 12, 2013	Committee of the Whole Board	Minden
November 26, 2013	Regular Board Meeting	Lindsay
December 10, 2013	Regular Board Meeting	Lindsay

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