

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Program Enhancement Projects Presentations

Each year trustees set aside \$160,000 in the annual budget to provide the opportunity for teachers to apply to a Program Enhancement Fund. This fund was established by the Board to generate innovative ideas to enhance education in Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

Boys Writing Conference

Jack Callaghan Public School teacher, Leslie Ogilvie, brought two students with her to share information about the Boys Writers Conference held for the past three years at the school. Well-known authors and artists have been invited to come and share their stories and inspire boys to be creative and not fear writing. Both boys attested to having better literacy marks in school since participating in the conference. More than 150 boys from twenty schools across the board attended last year's event. Authors over the past three years have included: Eric Walters; Aubrey Davis; Kevin Frank; Eric Wilson; Bill Salvin; Dan Yashinsky; David Bouchard; Rick Beaver; and Jamie Oliviero.



Do Something

Intermediate teachers Robin Allison and Beth Ratcliffe presented information about the "Do Something" initiative at Bracebridge Public School. Students in intermediate grades are invited to pick something they are passionate about – animals, education, arts, etc. They then find out what it is about their passion that they want to dig deeper into – this is done through an inquiry question. The process encourages students to think globally, but steer their passion into a local direction. Students then make a plan of action typically working in groups. Students are highly motivated – give them the tools and planning strategy and they are on their way. Students can't help but be successful because of the

differentiated nature of the initiative. Both teachers attested to the fact that the culture of the school has changed through the Do Something Projects.

Program Enhancement Projects 2011-2012

Director of Education, Larry Hope, provided an overview of the program enhancement projects that were funded last year. Thirty-seven applications were funded either fully or partially for the school year. Any further funding that was required had other sources to support the projects such as special funding from the Ministry of Education or from various departments. There is approximately \$32,000 remaining that was not spent last year which will be added to the amount available in the 2012-2013 school year.



Administrative Appointments, Retirements, Transfers, and Placements:

Trustees approved the following retirements, appointments, and transfers:

Administrative Retirements

Kathy Spaeth	Principal at Jack Callaghan Public School	effective December 31, 2012
Rick Sellon	Principal at Gravenhurst High School	effective January 31, 2013

Administrative Appointments

Alison Turnbull	Principal at Gravenhurst High School	effective February 1, 2013
Aaron Beausoleil	Vice Principal at Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes Secondary School	effective February 1, 2013
David Sornberger	Acting District Principal of Secondary School Improvement	effective October 15, 2012

Administrative Transfer effective October 15, 2012

Linda O'Leary	from principal at Rolling Hills PS to Principal at Leslie Frost PS
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Administrative Placement

Anne Grant	Acting Vice Principal at Archie Stouffer ES	effective October 15, 2012
Maxine Jordan	Acting Principal at Jack Callaghan Public School	effective January 1, 2013
Sheila Shauf	Acting Principal at Rolling Hills Public School	effective October 15, 2012

Future Meetings:

November 13, 2012	Committee of the Whole Board	Bracebridge
November 27, 2012	Regular Meeting of the Board	Lindsay
December 11, 2012	Annual Organizational 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.