

Presentations

Arts in TLDSB Elementary Schools

Superintendent of Elementary School Improvement Andrea Gillespie shared with trustees the results of a survey recently conducted with elementary school staff about arts education in our elementary schools.

The arts are made up of four strands – visual arts, music, drama, and dance. Approaches to education in the arts include participation in the arts, analysis and appreciation of the arts, and integrated learning in the arts. Four central ideas that underline the curriculum include being able to develop creatively, communicate through art, understand different cultures, and make connections.



Twenty-eight elementary schools (out of 41) have full instrumental music programs and 17 schools have choirs. Several schools run specialty music opportunities such as guitar, ukuleles, Orff instruments, and recorders. All schools teach drama and dance with most reporting that they invite community partners to support this learning. A “musical futures” program is being developed at one school.

Many opportunities for celebration of the arts take place throughout the board during the school year including the annual Juried Art Exhibit and the mass band event. Many schools go beyond the borders of the school district to compete in the Kiwanis Music Festival and other festivals. There is a burgeoning TLDSB rock-fest trend and several schools perform musicals.

Administrative Reports:

Secondary EQAO Results

Superintendent of Secondary School Improvement and Student Success Bruce Barrett and Superintendent of Specialized Services Katherine MacIver shared results from the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. TLDSB has the same 82 per cent result as the provincial average for successful students writing the test for the first time when measuring a combined total of applied and academic

students. Students with Special Needs do very well on the OSSLT and when these students are accessing their accommodations and using them there is notable success.

Emphasis will continue to be placed on providing support for applied level students, and with boys in particular.

Policies and Procedures

The following policies and procedures were approved following review:

OP-6005/OP-6006	Pupil Accommodation Review Policy and Procedure
BU-3100/BU-3101	Facility Partnerships Policy and Procedure
HR-4509/HR-4510	Principal/Vice Principal Evaluation Policy and Procedure
HR-4544/HR 4545	Superintendent Evaluation Policy and Procedure
BU-3025/BU-3026	Transportation Policy and Procedure
BD-2025/BD-2026	Policy and Administrative Procedure Policy and Procedure

Future Meetings:

MEETING	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Committee of the Whole	November 10, 2015	6:30 p.m.	Minden
Regular Board Meeting	November 24, 2015	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay
Organizational Meeting	December 8, 2015	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay

All meetings begin at 5:30 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.