

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Principal Learning Teams

Andrea Gillespie, Superintendent of Elementary School Improvement and Elementary Operations presented the Principal Learning Teams. "What we want for all of our students K to 12 is a chance for a hope-filled future," she stated. "Primary reading and junior math are areas of focus for us this year. We have done some specific things including encouraging and inviting principals to join a Principal Learning Team based on their area of need."



Mary Lou Lefler, Principal at Bracebridge PS; Kim Olsson, Principal at Spruce Glen PS; Peggy Barrette, Principal at Glen Orchard PS; Caroline Pattison, Principal at Gravenhurst Public School; Ken Waddell, Principal at VK Greer Public School; and Marianne Auger, curriculum consultant presented the results of their experience working together, challenging each other, and celebrating successes in each of their individual schools with teachers and students.

Board Approves Surplus Management Plan

Trustees approved an update of the school board surplus management plan. Director of Education, Larry Hope, presented a plan that is intended to identify initiatives for a specific number of years that will draw down the current surplus in a deliberate fashion. By identifying specific initiatives, the costs can now be incorporated into the 2013-2014 budget preparation process. The Ministry of Education will need to approve the surplus management plan prior to the final approval of the 2013-2014 school year budget.

Director Hope explained the various initiatives that are in the newly approved plan which include additional instructional computers for teachers, classroom sound-fields for secondary schools, reading assessment kits, Program Enhancement Funds, tech shop equipment renewals, secondary textbooks, various training and programs, as well as some infrastructure supports such as accessibility supports.

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

TLDSB has a close association with Free the Children and their sister organization Me to We. A recent update from Me to We on the work by TLDSB schools indicated that 41 schools have been involved in some way in the We Act program. A number of our schools went to We Day in Toronto in September to commit to We Act. Highlights in the report include professional development workshops for teachers. 500 local organizations in Ontario have benefited from student service work with Me to We.

After great success last year, Math Camp will again be offered to teachers this coming summer. There has already been an enthusiastic response to registration for this year. Math CAMPPP (Collaborative Actions for Mathematical Professional Learning, Precision, Personalization) is a great networking opportunity where teachers share and learn from one another as well as from experts.

There have been a number of professional development opportunities lately for teachers with encouraging attendance. At a recent event, teachers indicated overwhelmingly that TLDSB excels at collaboration which is authentic and meaningful both for teachers and for students.

The Board’s arts camp – TLAC – is continuing to be planned. The program will be as engaging and creative as ever with a number of excellent arts programs for students in grades 7 to 12.

Future Meetings:

2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR		
April 9, 2013	Committee of the Whole	Minden
April 23, 2013	Regular Board Meeting	Lindsay
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.