

Presentations

Coding in Schools

Superintendent of ICT, Dianna Scates introduced to trustees the Junior Coding Project that is taking place across the district. Grade 4 teacher Janet Rhude, Principal Carrie Pilgrim, and five students from Scott Young Public School came to the board meeting to share



their experiences. Tina Fraser and Jeremy Cadeau-Mark, two central office technology consultants, also presenting, were instrumental in the implementation of the project.

Coding is the act of writing lines of code to create a computer program, to tell a computer what to do – some may know this as ‘programming.’ Using a block coding system, students learn the concept of how coding works. The coding project in TLDSB began by identifying a group of teachers interested in learning coding. Focus for the project was, in part, on computational thinking that leads to logically organizing and analyzing data. 1,108 students and 38 teachers participated in the coding project at 36 schools within the board. 190 chromebooks were used by students as well as 76 Makey Makeys (a small circuit board that the computer thinks is a USB keyboard or mouse.)

Teacher Janet Rhude shared that there have been some amazing results as well as some surprises – for example, some students are starting to work at coding at home without any prompting. Students are also able to explore and create programs that match their interests, and students are rising to the challenge and doing very well.

Visit #TLDSBcode on Twitter to see many of the variety of coding projects developed by TLDSB students.

Administrative Reports

2016-2017 budget draft

Superintendent of Business Bob Kaye presented a draft of the 2016-2017 budget. Kaye went through the draft budget package with trustees explaining any variations from the current school year. The budget includes programs and initiatives within the Surplus Management Plan which was approved in April. The final \$203,313,708 budget, which includes a planned draw down of \$3,885,000 from the accumulated surplus will come forward for approval at the June 14th Regular Meeting of the Board.

Policies and Procedures

The following policies were approved:

- BD-2060 Organizational Bylaws
- HR-4504/4505 Self-Funded Leave Plan
- HR-4521/4522 Ontario's Health and Safety Act: Prevention of Violence in the Workplace
- HR-4030/4031 Ontario's Health and Safety Act: Prevention and Resolution of Workplace Harassment
- OP-6524/6525 Ontario Student Record (OSR)
- ES-5500/5501 Special Education Equipment

Administrative Retirement and Appointments

Trustees approved the following Principal Hiring Pool appointments effective May 24, 2016:

- Leslie Wright

Trustees approved the following Supervisory Officer appointment effective September 1, 2016:

- David Golden

Future Meetings:

MEETING	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Regular Board Meeting	June 14, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay
Regular Board Meeting	August 30, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay
Committee of the Whole	September 13, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Bracebridge
Regular Board Meeting	September 27, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay

Committee of the Whole	October 11, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Minden
Regular Board Meeting	October 25, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay
Committee of the Whole	November 8, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Bracebridge
Regular Board Meeting	November 22, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay
Annual Organizational Meeting	December 13, 2016	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.