

### Presentation

#### Math

Superintendent of Elementary School Improvement, Andrea Gillespie, introduced trustees to the TLDSB 'math journey.' Continuing a balanced approach to math instruction in the board, inquiry questions guide the process. These include: "Who are our students in math?" and "How are we responding to their strengths and needs in math?"

Gillespie stressed the importance of changing the mindset around ability in mathematics. This includes the language we use when talking about math as teachers and as parents. It is essential that children understand math to build confidence which will, in turn, open doors to many jobs and careers in the future.



Principal Kim Goodwin-Myers and Curriculum Consultants  
Marianne Auger and Erin Jenkins

Principal Kim Goodwin-Myers shared with trustees how Irwin Memorial Public School has approached the teaching of math at the school. Staff meetings, professional learning community meetings, the school improvement plan, and planning for next year all have a math focus. "Students are becoming much more engaged in the math that they are doing," she stated. The same math problems are given to all students in the school at all grade levels – teachers analyze how each grade level responds to the problem. This provides a continuum across the grades. "We're engaged, we're excited, and we're having fun with math!"

Curriculum consultants, Marianne Auger and Erin Jenkins, explained the Collaborative Inquiry for Learning in Math (CILM) and how they are encouraging supportive and responsive math instruction in TLDSB classrooms. "For children to become better mathematicians, we (staff) have to become better mathematicians," they stressed.

## 2014-2015 School Board Budget

Bob Kaye, Superintendent of Business, presented to trustees the 2014-2015 draft budget. The \$204,949,495 budget reflects a balanced budget with the exception of surplus management initiatives totaling \$3,010,000. Any deficit amount that exceeds one percent of the Board's operating grants for the school year (\$1.9 million) requires approval from the Ministry of Education. Trustees will be requesting approval from the Ministry for the balance of \$3,010,000 to be drawn from surplus.

Trustees approved a revised Surplus Management Plan which includes initiatives and programs to enhance and augment student experience and achievement opportunities. These initiatives include a proposed Tech Camp for students, tech shop equipment, software for school to home communication, a learning commons project, as well as the continuation of Specialist High Skills Major staffing and the Quality Daily Physical Activity initiative.

The draft 2014-2015 budget will be presented to trustees for approval at the June 10, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board.

## Secondment and Transfers:

Trustees approved the following secondment and received information about two administrative transfers:

### **Secondment effective September 1, 2014**

Erich Remisch           Principal at Grandview Public School  
to the Department of National Defence

### **Administrative Transfers effective August 18, 2014**

David Golden           Principal at Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes Secondary School  
to District Principal of Alternate Education

Katherine MacIver     Principal at Fenelon Falls Secondary School  
to District Principal of Special Education

## Celebrations

### **Special Appointment**

Calder Schweitzer, an LCVI student, has been selected to be a part of the Minister of Education's Student Advisory Council for 2014-2015.

## Award

Trillium Lakelands District School Board has been selected to receive a 2014 Gold Medallion Award from the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) for its Special Communications Project/Campaign, "Secondary School Pathways to Success 'We've Got You Covered.'" NSPRA's Gold Medallion Award is the top competition in North America that recognizes superior education public relations programs and campaigns.

## Future Meetings:

2014		
June 10, 2014	Regular Board Meeting	Lindsay

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