

## Presentations

### **New Student Trustee for 2014-2015**

Incoming IE Weldon Secondary School grade 12 student, Brigid Goulem, was sworn in as the 2014-2015 TLDSB Student Trustee. Brigid will bring a report from the G7 Student Senate as well as information about her participation as a member of OSTA (Ontario Student Trustees Association) to each board meeting throughout the year. She will also chair the G7 Student Senate meetings and activities.



### **Summer Learning Program**

Andrea Gillespie, Superintendent of Early Learning and Elementary School Improvement, shared with trustees some of the summer learning that took place in TLDSB and elsewhere for staff. This included a Stanford University Course on how to learn Math, the TLDSB Math Camp, an ETFO full day kindergarten program, as well as several other engaging professional development programs.

A brand new summer learning program, funded by the Ministry of Education was highlighted by

Stephen Roffe, Principal of Mariposa Elementary School and Caitlin Sinclair, summer learning teacher. This research based program took place in all areas of the school board impacting 75 students in total.



Students with the potential for benefitting from a structured summer program were identified in the spring and invited to apply at no cost to families. Parents were also engaged in

the program with specific sessions, student portfolios, and reports. The program itself focused on literacy and numeracy with a strong element of fun and enjoyment. There was a recreation component that included field trips to caves, environmental sites, recreation centres, and libraries.

Students who attended all days of the program have reached or exceeded their June reading levels. Staff reported increased levels of student confidence and willingness to take more risks in literacy and numeracy.

## Administrative Reports:

### Suspensions and Expulsions

Kevin Cutler, Superintendent of Specialized Services and Safe and Accepting Schools, provided trustees with an update on suspensions and expulsions in TLDSB. The number of suspensions and expulsions has been going down steadily over the past six years. Overall suspensions are declining but there is an increase in one day suspensions. One of the goals for the board is to greatly reduce the amount of repeat suspensions for students. It is well-known that students often get themselves into situations because they are faced with a problem that they are unable to solve themselves. “Children will do well, if they can,” stated Cutler, “We need to have this belief when we go into schools to look into concerns around the number of suspensions for one child.” Plans for this school year include incorporating “mindfulness” activities into classrooms, expansion of “mindful martial arts,” and the Week of Kindness during the third week of November.

### Summer Projects

The TLDSB Facilities Department has been working full out over the summer to complete many projects at schools while school is not in session. All TLDSB schools will be ready for students on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were several Full Day Kindergarten projects completed including additions and renovations costing approximately \$4 million of the total \$9.5 million spent on renovations over the summer.

## Future Meetings:

| 2014               |                        |             |
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| September 9, 2014  | Committee of the Whole | Bracebridge |
| September 23, 2014 | Regular Board Meeting  | Lindsay     |
| October 14, 2014   | Committee of the Whole | Minden      |
| October 28, 2014   | Regular Board Meeting  | Lindsay     |
| November 11, 2014  | Committee of the Whole | Bracebridge |

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| November 25, 2014 | Regular Board Meeting | Lindsay |
| December 9, 2014  | Regular Board Meeting | Lindsay |

All meetings begin at 6 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.tidsb.ca](http://www.tidsb.ca).