

Presentations

G7 Student Senate

Interim Superintendent of Business Craig Young shared with trustees information about the multiple construction projects that took place at schools across the district over the summer. Door window replacements, kitchen renovations, site civil works (landscaping, etc.), washroom renovations, and more are not always possible during the school. However, there were 17 projects that received no bid, one bid, or a bid that was considerably over budget – these projects will be first in the docket for next summer’s work. This is not a uncommon occurrence across the province. To help in determining roof repair requirements, a company using a drone is sent to take video footage of school roofs. This negates the need for traditional “roof walks” with contractors. Drawings are provided as well as access to photos resulting in a tendering process that has gone from days to a matter of hours. A slide show was shared with trustees showcasing many of the projects that took place over the summer.

Administrative Reports

2018-2019 Budget Update

The Ministry of Education will not permit TLDSB to use all of the requested \$3,966,000 as a draw down from accumulated surplus for the 2018-2019 budget. Interim Superintendent of Business Craig Young shared with trustees an adjusted surplus management plan and an adjusted 2018-2019 budget. The \$219,520,568 revised budget includes a \$2,000,000 transfer from accumulated surplus. This is 1% of the operating revenues for the board and as such does not require Ministry of Education approval.

Communication About Government Announcements

In July, Director of Education Larry Hope and TLDSB Chairperson Louise Clodd sent a letter to TLDSB school communities, affirming commitments to students, to parents, and to staff on indigenous education, the desire for balance in mathematics, and an ongoing commitment to supporting students as acceptance is taught around gender identity, understanding for LGBTQ community members, sexual health issues, and internet safety.

Since July, the board has received clear direction from the Ministry of Education. TLDSB will not defy and will follow the curriculum provided, whether we agree philosophically or not. “If the ministry of education determines a specific curriculum, our teachers are expected to follow it,” stated Director Hope. A letter will be sent to all staff on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 with clarification on the board’s response to government announcements. The letter will specify the curriculum as a starting point and the board continues to rely on teacher’s professional judgement. Students of all backgrounds, sexual orientation, or race will continue to be supported by TLDSB school communities. The board will monitor other announcements and communicate opportunities for input into provincial consultations emphasizing and encouraging participation of every voice.

Announcements

Communication Awards

The TLDSB Communications Services Department has received a number of awards for projects and publications produced over the past year from the National School Public Relations Association. Director of Education Larry Hope congratulated District Manager of Corporate Communications, Catherine Shedden, and Communications Officer, Laura Blaker for their work in strategic communication planning and development of engaging communication tools.

- Director's Video Address - Honorable Mention
- TLDSB Back to School Guide - Award of Excellence distinguished achievement
- Assessment and Evaluation Folder - Award of Excellence distinguished achievement
- TLDSB Payment Solutions - Golden Achievement Award in recognition of exemplary public relations

Future Meetings

| MEETING | DATE | TIME | LOCATION |
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| Committee of the Whole | September 11, 2018 | 6:30 p.m. | Minden |
| Board Meeting | September 25, 2018 | 6:30 p.m. | Lindsay |
| Committee of the Whole | October 9, 2018 | 6:30 p.m. | Bracebridge |
| Board Meeting | October 23, 2018 | 6:30 p.m. | Lindsay |
| Committee of the Whole | November 13, 2018 | 6:30 p.m. | Minden |
| Board Meeting | November 27, 2018 | 6:30 p.m. | Lindsay |
| Organizational Meeting of the Board | December 11, 2018 | 6:30 p.m. | 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. Video conference 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.

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