

Presentations

School based mathematics

Superintendent of Learning MacIver presented information on progress in Grade 6 math. She introduced Teachers Ryan McMillan and Lisa McGarry from Rolling Hills Public School who work together collaboratively to produce an exemplary math program.

The two teachers shared how they have reviewed their Grade 6 math program to include fitness and exercise, intentional practice, and continual monitoring. They stressed how important it is to help get students motivated, active, and ready to learn. The school purchased a set of fitness equipment so that three mornings a week students go to a fitness program when they arrive at school for approximately 15-20 minutes. On the days when fitness is not occurring, the students participate in a math EQAO challenge. Each math lesson includes a learning goal and a note for students to put in their notebooks. There is a focus on multiple choice questions, as this is a challenging common question style on EQAO assessments. Consistency is a key component to the structured framework developed by McMillan and McGarry with a lot of time built in to share results and talk about process with students. A key component to success is continuous feedback given to the students, including suggestions, corrections, and feedback on every single assessment given. The teachers have started adding extra math and currently have 49 Grade 6 students attending after school for extra-curricular math help.



Superintendent MacIver emphasized the impact McMillan and McGarry have had in their school based on their energy, commitment, and passion - key elements that engage students where they are willing to get on board and take challenges. The Curriculum Department is emphasizing this intentionally with all schools, which includes the introduction of new tools and the promotion of direct instruction, independent practice, problem solving, and ongoing monitoring.

A Grade 6 mid-year math diagnostic assessment has taken place this year with participation from all Grade 6 classrooms. Teachers worked together to mark the assessment to make purposeful plans moving forward. Superintendent MacIver showed an example of a “Scope and Sequence” document where all components of the curriculum are outlined in a chart form across all grades.

Administrative reports

2018-2019 school renewal projects

Superintendent of Business Services Ellis presented trustees with the 2018-2019 facility renew program. \$14,466,050 has been allocated to schools for school improvements, which include items such as: lighting, window, and door replacements; fire alarm systems; exterior wall retrofits; telephone system replacements; renovations; and other items identified as needs in school buildings.

2019-2020 school year calendar

Trustees approved the 2019-2020 school year calendar presented by Superintendent of Learning MacIver. The calendar will be available on the TLDSB website at tldsb.ca

2018-2019 Strategic Plan mid-year update

Director of Education Hope introduced an update on the progress on strategic action plans.

Each superintendent of learning shared items from their department action plans:

Superintendent MacIver highlighted work in early years and secondary programming;

Superintendent Barrett highlighted advances and usability in the Trillium Lakelands District

School Board (TLDSB) staff intranet and implementation of the Edwin digital backpack system;

Superintendent Sornberger highlighted development of effective Individual Education Plans

(IEPs) through capacity building and enhancing speech and language service

delivery; Superintendent Golden highlighted capacity building and

understanding of mental health in our schools, an internal referral process



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with student attendance counselors, and development of a pathways to care resource.

Transportation procedure changes

Director of Education Hope shared a change to the board's transportation procedure to stem the outflow of secondary students from smaller secondary schools to larger schools. The board has been facing a challenge where transportation is provided to out of area students who wish to take a course not offered at their home school. The transportation procedure has been changed to ensure that transportation will only be provided to secondary students who wish to enroll in a pathway related course not offered at their home school or through the Virtual Learning Centre (VLC). This change will be implemented by secondary schools in reviewing student course selections for the 2019-2020 school year for full implementation to begin in September 2019. The updated transportation procedure will not affect those who choose to provide their own transportation to schools outside their normal home school.

Suspensions and expulsions update

Superintendent of Learning Golden presented suspension and expulsion data from September 2018 to January 2019. During this time period, there have been 853 suspension and expulsion occurrences - of these three were expulsions and five were mediations. Practices in managing negative student behaviours has changed over the last few years. One to three day suspensions are now common and must be reported to the Ministry of Education. The focus is centred on all students having a positive and safe learning experience. Parents continually ask the director of education to find ways to raise the bar for expectations for all students. The board continues to work on self regulation skills to develop competencies for students. Expectations need to be set so that students understand that there are certain behaviours that cannot be allowed in schools, classrooms, or playgrounds.

Announcements

Administration changes

The following administrative changes were shared with trustees:

Retirement as of February 28, 2019

Cheryl Medhurst Vice Principal at Leslie Frost Public School

Administrative placement as of February 11, 2019

Angela Tompkins Vice Principal at Leslie Frost Public School



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Future meetings

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Regular Board Meeting	March 26, 2019	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay
Committee of the Whole	April 9, 2019	6:30 p.m.	Bracebridge
Regular Board Meeting	April 23, 2019	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay
Committee of the Whole	May 14, 2019	6:30 p.m.	Minden
Regular Board Meeting	May 28, 2019	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay
Regular Board Meeting	June 11, 2019	6:30 p.m.	Lindsay



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