

District School Council / Parent Involvement Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 9, 2019 6:30 p.m.

Lindsay Education Centre – 300 County Road 36, Lindsay

Haliburton County Education Centre – 12 Vintage Crescent, Minden

Muskoka Education Centre – 1271 Cedar Lane, Bracebridge

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Debbie Marling, Muskoka Chair

2. **Update from the Director of Education**

Larry Hope – Director of Education

- We do not have technical details yet on how we will be funded
- We do know that we will receive funding for mathematics instruction but do not have details - this will include a focus on fundamentals
- We know that there will be significant changes in the way we receive funding - we typically receive funding for 1.14 early childhood educators per classroom - this will be reduced to 1.0 early childhood educators per classroom; there is no change to primary class size caps, there is a slight tweak to how junior classrooms are going to be staffed; the most significant change will be in secondary schools moving from an average 22 to 28 students per classroom - this will be a significant change for TLDSB especially over the next 4 year period. We will not get to an average of 28 students this year because we must follow our collective agreements. We will have 23.5 less secondary teachers for next year - but retirements will help for this to have less impact
- You will have heard about the government stating that secondary school students take online course - TLDSB is one of the boards providing advice to the government about this. There is concern about grade 9 and 10 students in particular. We do not want to set students up to not be successful. There is no value in a student feeling frustrated or not completing an online course. There is also inconsistency in bandwidth across this system. This is not intended to start until the 2020-2021 school year. TLDSB has a robust virtual learning system already.
- There is a consultation that is ongoing that parents can share their thoughts about
- Changes to our Alternate and Adult Education Centres. There have been inaccurate news reports stating that the program is closing. This is not true - the program is moving into local secondary schools as a school-within-a-school model at 4 locations. This is due to funding changes that occurred more than one year ago. A team visited the Upper

Canada District School Board to learn about their same successful move of alternate education programs into secondary schools. We will continue to make these programs as positive a program as possible.

- Over the next few weeks we will begin to see various
- The level of support we have historically had may look different. For example we have placed all of our central office staff back into schools because we do not know if we will have the sufficient funding to

3. Presentation

Rima Dib - Understanding Unconscious Bias: Parents and Educators as Leaders of Social Change

4. Updates for School Councils

Catherine Shedden – District Manager of Corporate Communications

- a. Parent Engagement Fund for Schools and District
- b. Parent Communication
- c. DSC-PIC Chair opportunity for next year

5. Site Discussion

- a. Open discussion

2018-2019 DSC-PIC Meetings

Thursday, November 8, 2018	Thursday, January 17, 2019
Thursday, March 21, 2019	Thursday, May 9, 2019

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