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NEWS FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM



THUNDER BAY CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SEPTEMBER 2017

A WARM WELCOME

Last Monday's Board meeting introduced both familiar and new faces to the Trustees. Some of the individuals are succeeding retired employees and others are filling new positions.

Anita Treesh – Principal, St. Elizabeth School
Carol Pascuzzo – Vice Principal, St. Bernard School
Rory Hygaard – Principal, St. Ann School
Silvana Marchese – Vice Principal, Bishop Gallagher School
Todd Perrier – Attendance Counsellor
Jamie Gustafson – Nurse
Alysia Copenace – Indigenous Counsellor
Kevin Kakegamic – Indigenous Outreach Coordinator
Louise Wright – Executive Secretary
Erin Fortier – Employee Services Assistant
Kristie Sinclair – Internal Auditor Manager
Terry Bortolin – Employee Services Manager
Alexandra Korolenko – Communications Officer

Aisha Igbinoghene (St. Ignatius High School) and **Thomas Brassard** (St. Patrick High School) were also welcomed to their first official board meeting in their new capacities as Student Trustees.

2017 SUMMER LITERACY PROGRAM

Charlene Cavanagh and Omer Belisle presented the Board with their 2017 Summer Learning Program review. The program, held at St. Francis and Our Lady of Charity Schools, was entirely funded through government grants. It has provided many students with an emphasis on literacy and self-regulation skills.

Throughout the program, students were encouraged to participate in reading, writing, open discussions and independent thinking. In addition, Speech Language Pathologists worked directly with Kindergarten children in small groups each day. Grades 1 - 3 children enjoyed developing Coding and Robotics skills.



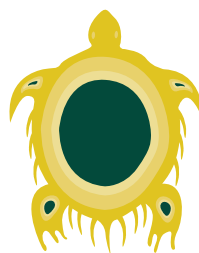
2017 Summer Literacy Program Students

The program was extremely successful in registering 132 children, supported by 7 teachers and 11 summer students.

An additional Researcher from Lakehead University was on hand for analysis and will continue to study the data collected.

High satisfaction from parents and children has been noted for the last few years, with students increasing their oral language, reading and writing skills.

REVISED POLICY



Omer Belisle, Superintendent of Education recommended the board approve and revise Policy 722; Voluntary Aboriginal Student Self-Identification. The revision includes embracing the term "Indigenous" which is a collective name for the original peoples of North America and their descendants. This change aligns with various institutions including post secondary, government and municipal organizations.

