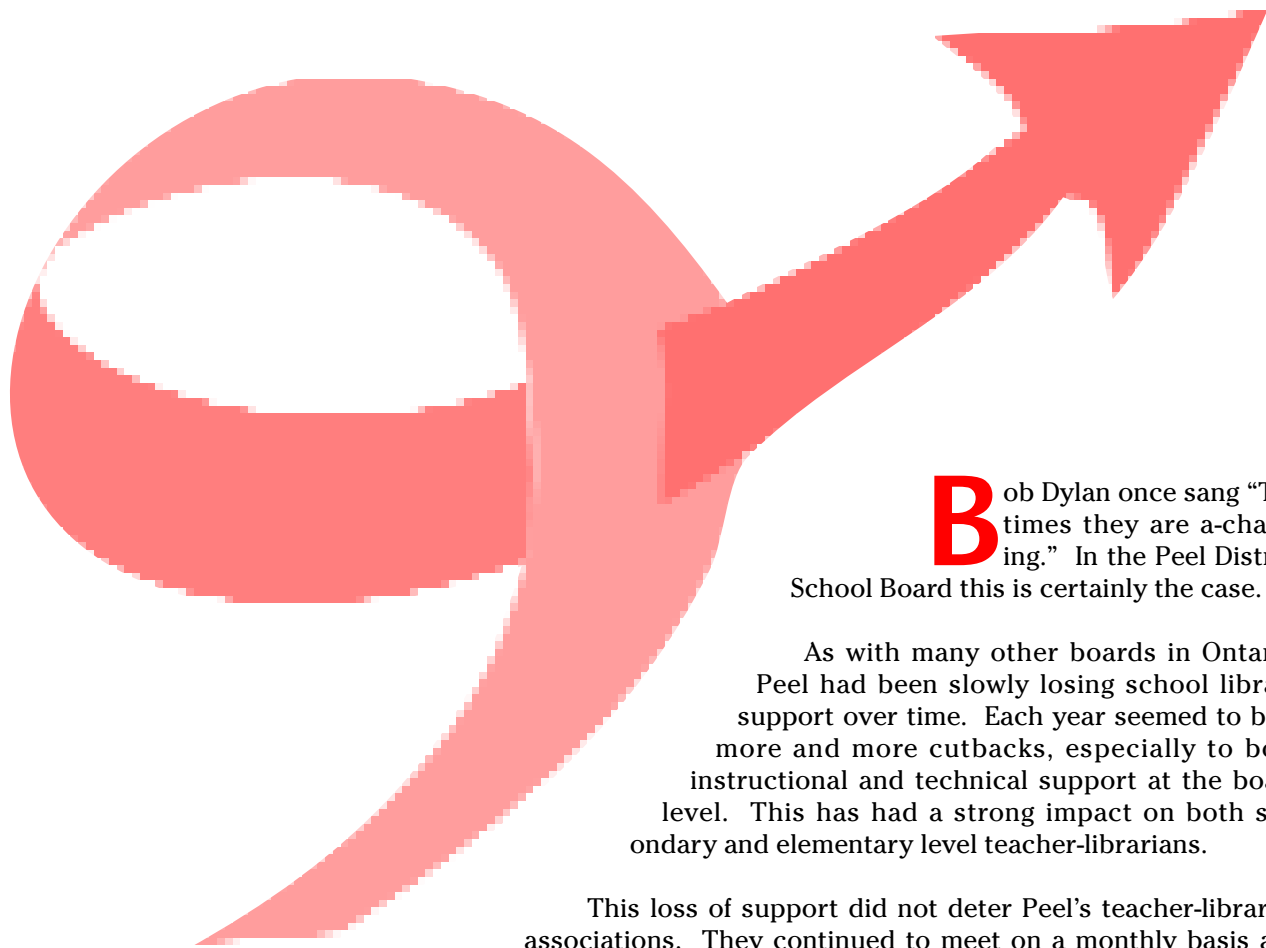


Changing times, Changing directions

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Bob Dylan once sang “The times they are a-changing.” In the Peel District School Board this is certainly the case.

As with many other boards in Ontario, Peel had been slowly losing school library support over time. Each year seemed to bear more and more cutbacks, especially to both instructional and technical support at the board level. This has had a strong impact on both secondary and elementary level teacher-librarians.

This loss of support did not deter Peel’s teacher-librarian associations. They continued to meet on a monthly basis and set up their own professional development sessions and support mechanisms. Nor did they give up at the board level. Association executives continued to send e-mails and write letters to superintendents and trustees. Their message about the importance of library support and of the teacher-librarian as an educational leader was consistent.