








Spring General Assembly 2014

Title

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Board Member		96.6%	56
Administrator		3.4%	2
Other		0.0%	0
		Total Responses	58

Overall Rating

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Poor		1.6%	1
Fair		8.2%	5
Good		50.8%	31
Very Good		34.4%	21
Excellent		4.9%	3
		Total Responses	61

Pre-Conference Workshop/Breakfast

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
Provided an effective practice model for consideration	0 (0.0%)	2 (3.3%)	14 (23.3%)	14 (23.3%)	5 (8.3%)	25 (41.7%)	60
The degree to which the session was beneficial?	0 (0.0%)	6 (10.5%)	14 (24.6%)	12 (21.1%)	3 (5.3%)	22 (38.6%)	57

1. SSBA Governance Review Update

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
Was insightful in light of the SSBA Governance review underway.	0 (0.0%)	9 (16.4%)	19 (34.5%)	8 (14.5%)	3 (5.5%)	16 (29.1%)	55

2. SK School Nutrition Programs Showcase

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
Provided an effective practice model for consideration	0 (0.0%)	3 (5.2%)	18 (31.0%)	11 (19.0%)	6 (10.3%)	20 (34.5%)	58
The degree to which the session was beneficial?	1 (1.9%)	5 (9.4%)	13 (24.5%)	11 (20.8%)	6 (11.3%)	17 (32.1%)	53

3. Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative Showcase

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
Provided an effective practice model for consideration	1 (1.7%)	1 (1.7%)	9 (15.5%)	14 (24.1%)	6 (10.3%)	27 (46.6%)	58
The degree to which the session was beneficial?	1 (1.7%)	2 (3.4%)	14 (23.7%)	9 (15.3%)	6 (10.2%)	27 (45.8%)	59

4. Te Kotahitanga Session

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
Provided a good overview of this New Zealand project?	3 (5.0%)	3 (5.0%)	21 (35.0%)	14 (23.3%)	7 (11.7%)	12 (20.0%)	60
Provided an effective practice model for consideration/	4 (6.9%)	6 (10.3%)	15 (25.9%)	17 (29.3%)	5 (8.6%)	11 (19.0%)	58

5. Schools, Ethics and Morality

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
The degree to which this session was beneficial?	1 (1.7%)	8 (13.6%)	17 (28.8%)	15 (25.4%)	2 (3.4%)	16 (27.1%)	59

6. Student First Advisors Update

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
Provide a beneficial update on their work to date.	1 (1.7%)	7 (12.1%)	20 (34.5%)	20 (34.5%)	3 (5.2%)	7 (12.1%)	58
You understand the role of the Student First Advisors.	2 (3.4%)	7 (11.9%)	18 (30.5%)	17 (28.8%)	8 (13.6%)	7 (11.9%)	59

7. Shared Services - 3S Health

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
You understand the Shared Services Health model.	2 (3.5%)	11 (19.3%)	25 (43.9%)	8 (14.0%)	7 (12.3%)	4 (7.0%)	57

8. Networking Meetings

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
Provides and effective forum to hear from boards?	0 (0.0%)	5 (8.2%)	16 (26.2%)	28 (45.9%)	7 (11.5%)	5 (8.2%)	61
The degree to which the session was beneficial?	0 (0.0%)	4 (6.8%)	18 (30.5%)	26 (44.1%)	6 (10.2%)	5 (8.5%)	59

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
1. Use of time and pace of activities	1 (1.6%)	5 (8.1%)	26 (41.9%)	20 (32.3%)	10 (16.1%)	0 (0.0%)	62
2. Event Location (Delta Hotel)	0 (0.0%)	3 (4.9%)	15 (24.6%)	24 (39.3%)	19 (31.1%)	0 (0.0%)	61
3. Format created sufficient opportunity for membership voice	1 (1.6%)	11 (18.0%)	20 (32.8%)	21 (34.4%)	8 (13.1%)	0 (0.0%)	61
4. Meals	2 (3.3%)	17 (28.3%)	12 (20.0%)	17 (28.3%)	12 (20.0%)	0 (0.0%)	60

Appendix

Please provide any other comments |

#	Response
1.	I appreciate affordability but a little bit of fruit would be nice. As well I found the Luther College complete overkill and repetitive seeing how I had seen it already
2.	<p>I hope the SSBA review of governance will provide the executive with information to address the current structure. I believe the SSBA within it's self is becoming fractured. Too many special sections addressing their concerns. We should be working for the better of all students.</p> <p>I will go so far as to say the content of this assembly was mediocre at best. The best presentation was the "Breakfast for Learning". The public boards section is acting like mini SSBA.</p>
3.	Not great by any means-repeat on a couple of sessions-it is to bad there wasn't break out so we could choose something we haven't seen already.
4.	The religion in public schools was poorly done. This would be more informative and entertaining presented as a pro/con debate. It wouldn't be hard to find a learned con proponent and there would be much interest in the debate
5.	There were a couple ok sessions but overall I was disappointed with the content of this assembly. If we as a SSBA are going to continue to spend valuable dollars on these events they need to be more relevant and more visionary for the education system. Dan Perrins keeps encouraging us as trustees to not take for granted our elected responsibility. I think these events need to help us embrace and be effective leaders not reactive to current issues. We need to become bold and proactive leaders and less reactive.
6.	Attendance seemed low. How can we encourage better attendance with our boards.
7.	It was difficult to understand the Te Kotahitanga presenter. The concept was excellent. I am fortunate to have heard this presentation at the U of R by different presenters. It was excellent.
8.	I felt the Assembly was fair overall. It would have been nice for everyone to have heard Daniel Murfitt on Thursday morning. I really don't think the time he was given that evening could possibly do justice to his message. If i had not been there in the morning, i don't think I would have gotten much from the evening presentation. i was unable to stay for the Constituency meeting so I can't comment on that.
9.	I feel that the SSBA governance review needs to be focused on executive structure in regards to representation. I don't believe that diverse groups should be present at the executive table , but rather be represented through the sections etc. of the SSBA. The executive should be based on regional representation which would include those voices. I don't believe that the review should be "governance " based as all of us should be well versed in good governance practice. I appreciate the efforts of the executive in wanting to listen to Boards and their needs. There seems to be some unrest present about the whole review process.
10.	we sat way to long

11. The LEAN project for the schools needs to be done. However I'm not sure that all areas in the school budgets can be completed the same. In health care they stressed the linen issue and seemed that linen project will work for all, I'm not convinced of this.

12. There should always be a chance for Ceremony.....Early on our own is fine but the Elder/s should be covered by SSBA

13. As an inquisitive person, I truly enjoyed the presentations and learned from them. HOWEVER (big however), I'm not entirely certain that those presentations - as thought provoking as they may be for some - are what the SSBA assemblies should be focussed on. I think showcasing one thought provoking presentation is great, however, it felt that the assembly was 'heavy on the fluff'

For some constructive examples: I think as an organization serving the membership that training workshops would be great.

Roberts Rules of order - while this is an old trick for some veteran trustees, I think it would be valuable to have real training in this provided at the first Fall/Spring assembly following the elections.

'Corporate Memory' - an overview and history of the SSBA, its role within the province, historical relationships between the organization and its membership/stakeholders and other provincial entities. For example - I just learned that the SSBA used to be the SSTA. Why was the switch made? What implications were behind the decision? What impact has that had?

Media Training - I have this, however, I think it would be incredibly beneficial for Trustees overall.

Conflict Resolution Training - may be helpful.

General leadership training opportunities would probably be appreciated! The more 'hands-on' the better.

A crash course in Saskatchewan's school divisions! An overview of the divisions, where they are, what they've identified as their focus, and what their challenges/opportunities are. I don't know if I could identify where all the other divisions are on a map.

More focus on issues close to home/domestically. What challenges are being experienced by boards in other provinces? I believe Toronto has something outrageous like a \$4B infrastructure deficit - how are they dealing with this? Are there any creative solutions being implemented that can help us as we begin to address decades of depreciation.

More opportunities for members to sit and interact and establish what common goals they have. I feel this would help both Trustees and the SSBA as an organization. There are a number of interests that could be perceived as 'completing' within the membership; focussing on the objectives that unite rather than divide us would strengthen our voice and our mission. (at least in my humble little opinion!)

14. I enjoyed the spring assembly and thought the offered sessions were good choices. Thank you for all the hard work that goes into organizing this event.

15. second session of new Zealand speaker was the same as his first session. even same videos and slides.

16. More fruits and vegetable please. I found it funny that the Breakfast for Learning cheque

	presentation followed a breakfast that contained no fruit, but a lot of pastry.
17.	I found that the acoustics were not great.
18.	<p>I appreciated the networking session at the end of the last day. The format does a good job of providing feedback to SSBA about the perspective of boards, although the questions may not have been debated around the table of each board prior to the networking session. If the intent is provide feedback to SSBA the format is good and it does provide some perspective to each board about other board's views.</p> <p>However, if the intent is to provide networking and build relationships among trustees and between boards, the format is not ideal. When each board mostly just sits around its own table, there is not an opportunity to build knowledge of and relationships between each other.</p> <p>Please don't take my comments as a criticism because the session was valuable, and both intents are important, but I was just thinking about how form follows function and wondering what function the SSBA was intending to achieve.</p>
19.	Fruit was missing at breakfast! The religion(s) study was interesting but a repeat from Public Section last year, two New Zealand sessions a duplication. not overly impressed with 3sHealth concept, business model shifts focus from client service. Afraid savings will be eventually swallowed by Provincial Government in their "lean" strategies. Not noted by speaker linen services are now contracted out to a Calgary company, transportation costs not economically or environmentally efficient and Sask. Jobs were lost.
20.	Lots of tension in the air...maybe because of recent budget, maybe the talk on religion in the schools, becoming very political in nature....
21.	More roundtable discussion with different board members.Change board members so they are not all sitting with there own boards.
22.	Breakfast needs fresh fruit and yogurt would be appreciated and healthier than all the carbs and fat content. We should be following nutritional guidelines that are adopted by school boards and endorsed by SSBA. Best regards.
23.	More budget discussion would have been helpful. Public Section members already saw the presentation on Religious Education in schools, so this session (although good) was repetitive. I'd like to hear a presentation by the Ontario Student Trustees or the Student Voice Initiative at the fall assembly.
24.	<p>I did this survey using the qr reader app on my phone, but it disappeared on me before I finished. I am doing it again in case it disappeared into cyberspace!</p> <p>I did not feel that the pre-session was a worthwhile use of my time, because he did an excellent overview in the evening session. That would have been enough for me.</p> <p>I feel that when we do a constituency meeting, we need to be deliberate about placing different board members at each table. That will make for much better networking.</p> <p>Public section should never be held at a time that conflicts with an SSBA event.</p>
25.	<p>The attendance of this conference was sparse. Did not have the same zest as the Fall AGM.</p> <p>Good coordination though.</p> <p>Well done</p>

26. seemed like a big location for the amount of attendees. Maybe look at a smaller venue in the future on the outskirts of Regina, something with better parking.
27. There needs to be more content and engaging speakers I especially found Dan Perrins session extremely disorganized and terrible to follow.
28. Location was somewhat expensive - more than we really need.
29. A forum must be provided for members to discuss and develop strategy regarding issues. A united voice must be presented to govt on issues of concern to all members at most 3 per year or 2-3 years. One day per assembly? During constituency meetings? I believe SSBA assemblies must be used to develop or ratify positions to go forward with to govt. workshops to provide information can be the subject of trustee summer schools or on line seminars/ Webinars. I was very surprised to see chairpersons run to a photo op with the minister. No disrespect to the minister, chairpersons ought to have boycotted the photo op pending assurances of funds to support govt directives. I am increasingly questioning the value of the SSBA. Is it advancing the school board concerns or is it a social club, and will be basing my attendance in future on the political value I see in the SSBA.
30. The presentations I was able to attend were good. A broad mix of information and topics applicable to the Board members. The participation of the Ministry was key and must continue to be part of the meeting..
31. Sorry but I like a bit of fruit with breakfast not just greasy bacon, sausage and eggs. The TK model was of interest. I wonder if we shouldn't first investigate the schools in SK. that are having good success with AB. grad rates and see what they are doing to achieve that success and model that in other provincial schools? I didn't see the benefit or reason for the Health "Lean" presentation. Maybe we could hear from employees in the Health Sector to get their feeling now that we have heard from the "top"? I was a bit disappointed that the Directors didn't get the recognition that they deserve with all the work and time they invested in the Strategic Planning work. (maybe a picture of them with the Minister)? I am interested in how the SSBA Executive is planning on sharing the discussion that took place in the Constituency meetings. It would be nice to hear responses from the other groups? The sharing and idea of having these discussions was a great idea and I commend the Executive for putting them on the agenda. Maybe a day earlier and then a wrap up information session on the last day??
32. Pre-conference was not presented well although previous knowledge of this tells me it's a great concept. Leaske and Stobart Schools are currently doing programming with better outcomes. We should look locally first. As far as food more fruit and raw veggies would have been greatly appreciated!
33. The Te Kohitanga pre-session was excellent but the keynote did not give enough opportunity to delve deeply into the subject due to the format. Because I had taken the pre-session, the keynote was redundant but if I hadn't taken it, I wouldn't have really understood what it was about.