



Spring Assembly 2016

(Completion rate: 100.0%)

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The 47 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

Title

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Board Member		86.3%	44
Administrator		13.7%	7
Other		0.0%	0
		Total Responses	51

Overall Rating

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	Total Responses
Rate the overall event:	0 (0.0%)	2 (4.0%)	21 (42.0%)	26 (52.0%)	1 (2.0%)	50

1. Following Their Voices

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
Provided an effective update on this project.	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.0%)	10 (19.6%)	17 (33.3%)	3 (5.9%)	20 (39.2%)	51
The degree to which this session was beneficial?	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.1%)	14 (29.2%)	10 (20.8%)	4 (8.3%)	19 (39.6%)	48

2. Mind, Exercise, Nutrition, Do It!

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
The degree to which this session was beneficial?	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	4 (8.3%)	9 (18.8%)	4 (8.3%)	31 (64.6%)	48

3. Financial Literacy - Mr. Eric Dillon

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
The degree to which this session was beneficial?	0 (0.0%)	3 (5.9%)	10 (19.6%)	17 (33.3%)	14 (27.5%)	7 (13.7%)	51

4. Teacher Time Task Force Update

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
Provided an effective update on the task force work	4 (7.7%)	4 (7.7%)	15 (28.8%)	26 (50.0%)	1 (1.9%)	2 (3.8%)	52
The degree to which this session was beneficial?	3 (6.0%)	4 (8.0%)	13 (26.0%)	21 (42.0%)	8 (16.0%)	1 (2.0%)	50

5. Reviewing Financial Statements and Asking Good Questions

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
The degree to which this session was beneficial?	0 (0.0%)	2 (3.8%)	22 (42.3%)	20 (38.5%)	8 (15.4%)	0 (0.0%)	52

6. Benefits for Trustees - Update on Resolution

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
Provided a beneficial update on their work to date.	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.9%)	18 (34.6%)	22 (42.3%)	8 (15.4%)	3 (5.8%)	52

7. Networking Meetings

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
Provides an effective forum to hear from boards?	0 (0.0%)	2 (3.9%)	9 (17.6%)	27 (52.9%)	6 (11.8%)	7 (13.7%)	51
The degree to which this session was beneficial?	1 (2.0%)	0 (0.0%)	9 (18.4%)	28 (57.1%)	5 (10.2%)	6 (12.2%)	49

RATE THE OVERALL EVENT COORDINATION

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
Use of time and pace of activities	0 (0.0%)	4 (7.7%)	10 (19.2%)	29 (55.8%)	9 (17.3%)	0 (0.0%)	52
Event location (Doubletree by Hilton Hotel)	1 (2.0%)	3 (5.9%)	9 (17.6%)	21 (41.2%)	17 (33.3%)	0 (0.0%)	51
Format created sufficient opportunity for membership voice	3 (5.9%)	2 (3.9%)	19 (37.3%)	23 (45.1%)	3 (5.9%)	1 (2.0%)	51
Meals	0 (0.0%)	1 (2.0%)	15 (29.4%)	16 (31.4%)	19 (37.3%)	0 (0.0%)	51

Please provide any additional comments that may help us with future events.

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Appendix

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#	Response
1.	The teacher time report recommendations is a significant concern for all school boards in the province and more time should have been devoted to answering the questions of trustees. I realize the minister was on the agenda but following the minister or before the conclusion of the assembly more discussion could have taken place. I am feeling the voice of the trustees is not being heard.
2.	The venue: Double Tree is a good hotel however it was so cold in the working room is was difficult to function at times. Please note the quality of presentations were very well presented and very informative
3.	I think the event was good overall. I also would suggest registration should be one hour to start time. The lunch menu should be decreased-too much food at all functions!!!
4.	I like the big group talks very much. Even in our constituency meeting we stayed as a big group and heard everyone's concerns. Especially over the teacher time review. As heated as it was. We heard all instead of just our table and then a summary.
5.	It was great to have Resolutions included in the Spring Assembly - a welcome change. Generally, however, there is not enough opportunity for membership voice at SSBA events. The risk in this is that the executive (or committees representing all Trustees) do not get the valuable input they need to truly be the voice of all school boards. The exec. relying on a smaller & smaller group to inform its actions (chairs council) and runs the risk of alienating the general membership. More opportunity for sharing & discussion between Boards and w the Executive @ SSBA events strengthen our Association, improve the format & efficacy of Assemblies.
6.	Mixed groups at the networking session is essential so that trustees from different boards have the opportunity to share and hear alternate perspectives. Great work.
7.	The overall event was good however I think in the future if something could be done to mix up the room so that members are not sitting with there own board. This would stimulate some good conversation. Maybe having an assigned number on your name tag that will put you to a certain table assigned to you. This would also work for the fall assembly. Just a suggestion as some members will not do it on their own, that little extra push will go along way.
8.	The Membership seemed significantly unhappy at the result of the Teacher Time Task Force Report. I believe the SSBA Executive needs to entertain a conversation regarding a

	<p>resolution of dissent being at the next convention, in order to formally communicate what seems to be the wish of the membership.</p>
9.	<p>Sometimes, if there is good discussion, it shouldn't be necessary to quit and move on just because the agenda is timed...</p> <p>Regarding the AGM/ resolution section, good to have only three and practice the voting.....</p>
10.	<p>It is always good to meet. Thanks to everyone for their good work. I always appreciate our staff.</p> <p>Some suggestion: We needed more time flexible time to continue conversations on important, timely topics during our sessions. One example would be the Ministry presentation of the Sector Plan. It wasn't respectful of the importance of this collaborative work in how they were rushed in and out, no time for questions, what was the point. And some of the conversations we had in other sessions lead to suggestions for action and direction for the Executive to take. There was no opportunity to talk about what direction the Boards wanted taken. The network meetings are always good, but in the past we have met before topics are brought to the assembly, to have feedback (like the resolutions), from our specific networks. We could have used that format this time. Thank you for reading. See you next time.</p>
11.	<p>Did not care for voting by cell phone. Took too long. Some Board members do not use cell phones, so will they be excluded from voting.</p>
12.	<p>I think the regional/regions meetings should be in the middle of the assembly agenda and not last on the agenda. I have attended these over the last three years and each time well over half of the trustees have left to go home, they need to be there!</p>
13.	<p>please note that I was unable to attend the events of the first day.</p> <p>the electronic voting although a very good idea does not appear to have sent any of the voting emails to my email address, and as I did not have a suitably equipped device with me at the assembly I was unable to participate in the trial. we should include resolutions on the agenda for future spring assemblies, they help to provide a more frequent voice to executive and government/department.</p>
14.	<p>Was under the impression the Financial Literacy session was a PD session for trustees, not an opportunity for an organization to sell their product. The session leader thought we were teachers; not sure he knew to whom he was speaking!</p> <p>Appreciate PD sessions for trustees; we can never know too much when it comes to our role!</p>
15.	<p>what is the follow up on teacher time?</p>
16.	<p>Always get so much in a short period of time.well organized and friendly faces.executive great</p>
17.	<p>The conference provided good sources to do board business. Clarification on the 1044 hours helped me to understand when came to our board calendar. Financial literacy was an excellent presentation to provide understanding when comes to make decisions at the board table. Student senates tell us financial literacy is a must in our schools. How that is delivered is often discussed.</p>

I feel the committee's selection of topics and presentations were very pertinent to gain more knowledge to do the work of a board member. Thank you.