




# Spring Assembly 2017

(Completion rate: 100.0%)

## Name

The 57 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

## Title

| Response               | Chart   | Percentage | Count     |
|------------------------|---|------------|-----------|
| Board Member           |  | 95.0%      | 57        |
| Administrator          |  | 3.3%       | 2         |
| Other                  |  | 1.7%       | 1         |
| <b>Total Responses</b> |   |            | <b>60</b> |

## Overall Rating

|                         | Poor     | Fair     | Good       | Very Good  | Excellent | Total Responses |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Rate the overall event: | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 12 (20.3%) | 42 (71.2%) | 5 (8.5%)  | 59              |

## 1. PLT - ESSP Presentation

|  | Poor     | Fair     | Good       | Very Good  | Excellent | N/A       | Total Responses |
|--|----------|----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| Provided an effective update on the Sector Plan. | 0 (0.0%) | 1 (1.7%) | 23 (39.0%) | 24 (40.7%) | 4 (6.8%)  | 7 (11.9%) | 59              |
| The degree to which this session was beneficial? | 0 (0.0%) | 5 (8.5%) | 21 (35.6%) | 22 (37.3%) | 4 (6.8%)  | 7 (11.9%) | 59              |

## 2. Are School Boards Essential for an Effective Democracy?

|  | Poor     | Fair     | Good     | Very Good  | Excellent  | N/A      | Total Responses |
|--|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|----------|-----------------|
| The degree to which this session was beneficial? | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 3 (5.0%) | 13 (21.7%) | 42 (70.0%) | 2 (3.3%) | 60              |

## 3. A Vision for your Organization.

|  | Poor     | Fair     | Good       | Very Good  | Excellent  | N/A      | Total Responses |
|--|----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------------|
| Provides an effective forum to hear from boards? | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 15 (25.4%) | 28 (47.5%) | 14 (23.7%) | 2 (3.4%) | 59              |
| The degree to which this session was beneficial? | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 15 (25.9%) | 29 (50.0%) | 11 (19.0%) | 3 (5.2%) | 58              |

## 4. Debrief Session

|  | Poor     | Fair     | Good       | Very Good  | Excellent  | N/A      | Total Responses |
|--|----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------------|
| The degree to which this session was beneficial? | 0 (0.0%) | 4 (6.7%) | 16 (26.7%) | 27 (45.0%) | 12 (20.0%) | 1 (1.7%) | 60              |

## 5. Choice of One Workshop:

|   | Poor     | Fair     | Good      | Very Good | Excellent | N/A        | Total Responses |
|---|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------------|
| Enterprise Risk Management Working Advisory Group Update. | 0 (0.0%) | 1 (2.7%) | 6 (16.2%) | 4 (10.8%) | 4 (10.8%) | 22 (59.5%) | 37              |

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|--|----------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|----|
| Governance PD:<br>Board<br>Competency<br>matrix - Skills<br>Development<br>Planning and<br>Monitoring. | 0 (0.0%) | 6<br>(12.8%) | 10<br>(21.3%) | 10<br>(21.3%) | 7 (14.9%) | 14<br>(29.8%) | 47 |
| Attendance<br>Management:<br>Highlighting<br>Effective<br>Practice.                                    | 1 (2.4%) | 0 (0.0%)     | 6 (14.6%)     | 6<br>(14.6%)  | 3 (7.3%)  | 25<br>(61.0%) | 41 |

## 6. Showcasing Reconciliation in Saskatchewan Education

|  | Poor     | Fair     | Good          | Very<br>Good  | Excellent | N/A       | Total<br>Responses |
|--|----------|----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| Provided a<br>beneficial<br>update on the<br>work to date. | 0 (0.0%) | 4 (7.1%) | 18<br>(32.1%) | 17<br>(30.4%) | 8 (14.3%) | 9 (16.1%) | 56                 |

### RATE THE OVERALL EVENT COORDINATION:

|  | Poor     | Fair     | Good          | Very<br>Good  | Excellent  | N/A      | Total<br>Responses |
|--|----------|----------|---------------|---------------|------------|----------|--------------------|
| Use of time and<br>pace of<br>activities                               | 0 (0.0%) | 2 (3.3%) | 12<br>(20.0%) | 30<br>(50.0%) | 16 (26.7%) | 0 (0.0%) | 60                 |
| Event location<br>(Doubletree by<br>Hilton Hotel)                      | 1 (1.7%) | 1 (1.7%) | 7 (11.7%)     | 30<br>(50.0%) | 21 (35.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 60                 |
| Format created<br>sufficient<br>opportunity for<br>membership<br>voice | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 12<br>(20.0%) | 27<br>(45.0%) | 21 (35.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 60                 |
| Meals  | 1 (1.7%) | 1 (1.7%) | 14<br>(23.3%) | 27<br>(45.0%) | 17 (28.3%) | 0 (0.0%) | 60                 |

Please provide any other comments. |

| #   | Response  |
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| 1.  | Except for board chair meeting, one full day would suffice for the assembly   |
| 2.  | Very good venue.. I think it could be shorten to one day  |
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| 4.  | Appreciated the nimbleness of the organization to be able to respond to 'breaking news'   |
| 5.  | Very informative! Great to hear part of the media interview.  |
| 6.  | <p>Agenda needs to have a bit more description.</p> <p>I attended the workshop Attendance Management. I personally thought, as a few others that it was about Student Attendance and not Employee Attendance.</p> <p>Also the first session for Section meetings needed to have printed in it who was invited.</p> <p>There are slot of new trustees who might need more description of the agenda. As I did too...as an old dog. Lol</p> <p>Thanks</p> |
| 7.  | Very good response to the current situation we are facing . Thanks for the opportunities to engage. This was very worthwhile - hope we can continue to do our good work.  |
| 8.  | The Thursday evening events was timely and Great. Consideration in future to have committecehi st boundaries in the 2006 Amalgamation. Shirley Batters Al Klassen. Etc.   |
| 9.  | Felt the meeting was changed due to the recent announcement but maybe could have more so - would have liked to really dig into the potential cuts/budget lines of the various Boards and how they are working with the cuts.  |
| 10. | Stick to more generic menus.  |
| 11. | live video stream to all school next assembly   |
| 12. | Very timely and informative seminar. Unfortunately the fiscal climate was not conducive to a more positive environment. Overall. Excellent.   |
| 13. | This was one of the most engaging conferences. Circumstances sometimes make strange bedfellows lol. Thank you to all the staff. We are blessed to have you supporting us.   |
| 14. | <p>The Keynote by Dr. Scharf and Dr. Langlis was informative, relevant, and even entertaining. Their presentation was timely given the budget cuts and the creation of Bill 63.</p> <p>They really hit the issues and the lack of input and process leading to this unpopular Bill.</p> <p>Having the Minister speak was timely.</p>  |

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| <p>I always enjoy Sean Davidson and his genuine commitment. Thank you Sean.</p>   |
| <p>15. This was the most passionate SSBA conference I have attended and so should it have been! I am very pleased with our President's voice and presence he is doing an admirable job on behalf of our organization! BUT I am quite disappointed with the reluctance of some Boards (appears to be three) that are not stepping up to the plate enthusiastically with the rest of us!</p>  |
| <p>16. I marked number 5 as NA because I was one of the presenters.</p> <p>Certainly we heard a good deal of frustration and would hope the Executive and Executive Director will have some options for the organization to consider in order for us to move forward with restricted funds. However, in fairness to the Leadership we recognize that with Spring Assembly coming so closely on the heels of Government announcements and proposed legislation there was not time for the Executive to have options prepared for these sessions.</p> |
| <p>17. Thanks for organizing the event</p>  |
| <p>18. Even though this event had some deep issues to discuss, both boards worked so well together. This is the best SSBA I have attended. Everyone was on the same page and agreed on the concerns and issues. Well attended and well organized</p>  |
| <p>19. Breakfast was just fine, lunch was terrible (in my opinion). Such a terribly minor complaint in light of tumultuous provincial education issues.</p> <p>Keep up the good work Shawn and executive and SSBA staff, your hard work is important and very appreciated.</p>  |
| <p>20. Thanks for all your hard work</p>  |
| <p>21. I appreciated the very timely discussions. There was a lot of energy and engagement among the trustees.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>  |
| <p>22. A very informative and worthwhile couple of days.</p>  |
| <p>23. I think having a group supper the first night would offer more networking across the boards in the province rather than just going off on your own</p>   |
| <p>24. I appreciated Trustee involvement, communication processes and the timing. I also appreciated the leadership provided by Shawn.</p>  |
| <p>25. Perhaps cell phones be left away from the mic. Not ver professional</p> <p>Overall a very difficult spring session due to the budget.</p>  |
| <p>26. During a time of great uncertainty (Transformational Change, Board Governance Review and the 2017-18 Budget), I am very proud to say I am member of the SSBA! I stand with my association as we challenge our provincial leaders; we are the voice of our communities and our primary concern is our students. Thank you Shawn for being such a strong and professional leader, and for representing us well. Thank you Darren and all SSBA employees for another great assembly - well done!</p>  |

27. I am a newly elected trustee and this was my first Spring Assembly. I felt the President, VP, and SSBA staff did a great job of ensuring the most important issues were forefront and appreciate their flexibility at this difficult time. I was struck and disappointed by the number of board members who were absent during the last session on reconciliation. I felt that the speakers and content in that session was well chosen, well presented, and very beneficial. I'm not sure what the SSBA could have done differently and understand that it is a long two-days and that many trustees had long drives ahead of them - however, the general impression was unfortunately that many trustees do not care about reconciliation. At a time when it is vital for us to justify the importance of PD, it is unfavourable when a large portion leaves the conference early. Finally, I felt the vision for your organization and debrief session could have been more efficient - it was great to hear from all members in smaller groups and to have a debrief, but it could have been improved with an electronic survey or real-time tech vs. reliance on taking notes with bulky white paper and then reading directly from these notes.
28. I would like to see more depth in the workshops.
29. I especially enjoyed this Spring Assembly. Lots of opportunity to network with other trustees. As a board chair I did miss some sessions to attend board chair meetings, but with that being said the board chairs meetings provided for a lot of discussion on the current issues facing boards in the province. I found those meetings very valuable and hopefully some common ground was found to help all 28 school divisions move ahead with shared leadership. Shawn is providing our organization with a great leadership.