Trustee Academy 2016

(Completion rate: 100.0%)

Name: (Optional)

The 17 response(s) to this question can be found in the appendix.

	Board Member	Administrator	Other	Total Responses
School Division Role:	26 (100.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	26

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	Total Responses
Overall Rating	0 (0.0%)	2 (7.7%)	5 (19.2%)	15 (57.7%)	4 (15.4%)	26

1. Conflict of Interest

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
Provided practical advice that was beneficial.	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (11.5%)	8 (30.8%)	15 (57.7%)	0 (0.0%)	26

2. Enterprise Risk Management

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
Provided effective practices for consideration.	0 (0.0%)	1 (3.8%)	5 (19.2%)	15 (57.7%)	5 (19.2%)	0 (0.0%)	26

The degree to
which the
session was
beneficial?

0 (0.0%)	1 (3.8%)	8 (30.8%)	13 (50.0%)	4 (15.4%)	0 (0.0%)	26

3. Media Relations

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
Provided practical advice for media relations.	1 (3.8%)	1 (3.8%)	9 (34.6%)	9 (34.6%)	6 (23.1%)	0 (0.0%)	26
The degree to which this session was beneficial?	1 (3.8%)	2 (7.7%)	9 (34.6%)	10 (38.5%)	4 (15.4%)	0 (0.0%)	26

4. Compensation Policy

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
The degree to which this session was beneficial?	1 (3.8%)	7 (26.9%)	11 (42.3%)	4 (15.4%)	1 (3.8%)	2 (7.7%)	26

5. Tour of Fort Walsh

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
The degree to which this session was beneficial?	0 (0.0%)	2 (7.7%)	4 (15.4%)	5 (19.2%)	8 (30.8%)	7 (26.9%)	26

6. Blanket Exercise

	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 (11.5%)	4 (15.4%)	11 (42.3%)	8 (30.8%)	26
	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
1. Pre- Event Golf and BBQ	1 (3.8%)	3 (11.5%)	6 (23.1%)	8 (30.8%)	2 (7.7%)	6 (23.1%)	26
	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
2. Use of time and pace of activities	0 (0.0%)	3 (11.5%)	5 (19.2%)	10 (38.5%)	8 (30.8%)	0 (0.0%)	26
	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
3. Event Location (Resort at Cypress Hills)	0 (0.0%)	2 (7.7%)	1 (3.8%)	8 (30.8%)	15 (57.7%)	0 (0.0%)	26
	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses

4. Meals	3 (11.5%)	4 (15.4%)	8 (30.8%)	6	5 (19.2%)	0 (0.0%)	26	
				(23.1%)				

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	N/A	Total Responses
5. Format created the opportunity for trustee learning	0 (0.0%)	1 (3.8%)	2 (7.7%)	14 (53.8%)	9 (34.6%)	0 (0.0%)	26

Please provide any other comments

Response

- 1. The pace of the event was great. The presentations were very timely.
 - Great location.
- 2. Very good format. Meeting and discussions are very valuable.
 - Super location for trustee academy- rather than in a city.
 - Thanks to all the work the SSBA does.,
- 3. The media part of the academy was not beneficial to most participants. Most is of the presentations were not done very well. The food was terrible and underestimated amount of food on every meal. The venue did not have enough room to house all members therefore we had to drive a half hour to and from the actual venue.
- 5. The Wednesday meal was not very good (as I'm sure you've heard already!). Also everyone disappeared and went their separate ways very soon after the supper (including the staff and executive). It seems a long way to come and not have taken the opportunity to network more. Maybe more facilitated informal networking would have been appropriate. Some boards did their own socializing but this could have left single trustees on their own and seems a wSsted opportunity to me. We could have had a little longer rest/free time on Thursday afternoon and met for supper and socializing a little later, with some facilitated whole group networking that evening too. However it was in the whole a great academy. I greatly appreciate the planning that went into it and the work the staff put into its success. TA continues to be a wonderful PD and networking opportunity!
- 6. More time for the group work/discussions for both ERM & communications would have been beneficial and would have potentially changed by rating to very good. Both very timely topics.
 - Compensation policy presentations were excellent to help understand the processes.
 - The tour of Fort Walsh was enjoyable and interesting; helps with understanding how our history helped mold our province. However, not a lot of practical application. The blanket

exercise was powerful and provided a more clear link to understanding challenges & issues faced by Indigenous peoples both in the past and in the present.

I appreciated the experience of visiting both Cypress Resort & Fort Walsh. Made it an enjoyable learning experience overall.

- 7. I was disappointed with the presenters of the "Compensation" presentation both read their over heads instead of speaking to them. Their responding to Q/A was much better and more natural in language!
- 8. Didn't like having to drive so darn far to get to Ft Walsh on our last day, and an opposite direction from home, should have been on the first day.
 - Enjoyed reconnecting with Trustees.
- 9. it is too bad the blanket ceremony was not on the night before. A lot of people left without the ceremony because of distance to travel.
 - All in all a great 2 days
- 10. Breakfast was excellent. Other meals were fair. A long drive for golf and tourism. Sessions were good.
- 11. The content was timely & well presented. Perhaps the fact that the session on Compensation Policy was at the end of the day influenced my appreciation; It was the session that I enjoyed the least. The Blanket Exercise was the highlight for me.
 - I came with high expectations given my previous experiences with Ivan's. This time, however, I was disappointed. The food came up short as far as amounts and in some cases quality. I was also surprised that there was no dessert on Wednesday evening.
- 12. Enjoyed the sessions. Good PD, just a comment on meals, the food was fine, however I feel the BQ was over priced, but not a big deal! Found the conference valuable, thanks!
- 13. Kudos on organizing such a great academy! Best learning opportunities I've encountered yet as a trustee. A million thanks for the Blanket Exercise; I've not stopped talking about it and have been sharing my experience about it with others! I was deeply moved by the experience. I find myself delving deeper and deeper into First Nations culture as it is such a beautiful cukture!
- 14. Geraldine was excellent, conflict of interest is and always will be something boards need to stay on top of. Thanks to quality staff like Geraldine we will ensure we do.
 - It is unfortunate that those trustees closest to the location of this PD didn't take advantage, many drove a substantial distance to partake, something for the board development committee to consider looking at is who comes and maybe taylor location that way. I do appreciate the opportunity to have it somewhere other then Saskatoon and Regina.
- 15. Golf should be 18 holes.
- 16. I was disappointed with the media relations course. I was expecting to come away with a greater ability to know how to best prepare and manage media exposure. The group work that took most of this time was completely useless. Mock interviews or presenting media clips that were critiqued for good and bad qualities would have been more beneficial. I believe the speakers were all very qualified but they failed to communicate their knowledge.