



**Trustees:**

Mike Murray (Chair), Susan Carr, Kathy Marshall, Sarah Nelson, Eleanor Palis (Vice-Chair), Dave Rempel

**Executive:**

Laurie Meston (Acting Superintendent), Flavia Coughlan (Secretary Treasurer), Shannon Derinzy (Acting Assistant Superintendent), David Vandergugten (Acting Assistant Superintendent)

**Presentation: Community and District Literacy Plan**

Bruce Grady and Jesse Hill, Co-Chairs of the Community Literacy Committee, presented to the Board on the Community and District Literacy Plan. The co-chairs explained that although the district's committee is the envy of other districts, provincial funding for literacy programs has been inconsistent and decreasing. The Board passed a motion to write a letter to the minister, stressing the need to restore funding for this important program.

**2014-15 Board Meeting Schedule**

The Board adopted the following regular public board meeting schedule for the 2014-2015 school year:

September 10, 24	February 11, 25
October 8, 29	March 25
November 12	April 8, 29
December 3	May 13, 27
January 14, 28	June 10, 24

**Student Transportation Registration and Fees Administration**

The Board received *Procedure 5400.2* for information. The procedure outlines guiding principles, the administration of the transportation services registration process, 2014-15 transportation registration and fee timelines, as well as the transportation fees for the 2014-15 school year. *Procedure 5400.2* has been posted online for public review at: <http://www1.sd42.ca/section5000>.

**Good News**

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees noted the following items: Vice-Chair Palis and trustee Nelson reflected on the wonderful graduation ceremonies underway in the district; trustee Carr noted that the Retirement Tea went well, and thanked Rebecca Knuttila and Lena Frend for all their work in organizing the event; trustee Rempel announced that fifteen applicants from Connex received funding from the Tzu Chi Foundation; and Chair Murray noted that Sports Day - which

featured teams of students with special needs from every secondary school - had gone very well, and that the event saw participation from EAs, teachers, students and MRSS volunteers. Chair Murray also reflected on the Board's meeting with local MLAs, which gave trustees an opportunity to inform local representatives about a number of key issues faced by the school district. These issues included education funding and tax policy. The MLAs, Chair Murray concluded, now have the tools that will enable them to have frank discussions with their colleagues about these critical concerns.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on June 25, 2014 at the South Bonson Community Centre.**