



## Swan Valley School Division

**Topic:** Executive Summary – August 28, 2017 Board Meeting  
**Date:** August 29, 2017  
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1. The Board was informed that a half day New Teacher Orientation will be taking place on August 30. This is a new process from previous years. Trustees were invited to have lunch with the new teachers.
2. The Board passed a motion allowing Religious Instruction at the Minitonas Early Years School. The required number of signatures was received by the Board.
3. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee held its second meeting. Henry Barkowski and Gwen Palmer are two community members that have kindly volunteered to be on the Committee. The Committee Chair Trustee Wowchuk reported that the Committee was looking at a number of initiatives to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Swan Valley School Division. Some ideas for consideration are: creating a video, creating a time capsule, articles on past events that occurred in the Division; partnering with the Museum on restoring the old bus wagon and old bus. The next meeting of the Committee is planned for September 12.
4. The Secretary-Treasurer provided a preliminary projection on the 16/17 budget year. There are still some outstanding bills to be paid but indications are positive at this point in the process.
5. The Board is in the process of changing its governance model. This will require a new Policy Manual and the creation of an Administrative Procedure Manual. Given these changes, some revision of the Board by-laws are also required. The Board was provided draft copies of all three documents. The Board will formally approve these changes at its next meeting.
6. The Board approved a partnership with the Friendship Centre to provide additional Educational Assistant support at Ecole Swan River South School. The majority of the additional EA cost is covered by the Friendship Centre, with the Board covering the remaining cost.

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