



Park West School Division

Topic: Executive Summary of the February 25th, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
Date: February 29th, 2016
From: Tim Mendel, Superintendent/CEO

1. The board passed its 2016-2017 school budget. One additional expenditure was added to the budget from what was presented at the public consultation. The board decided to add \$25,000 for accentuated learning environments. This will make the local levy \$8,938,913 and the mill rate is 10.648 mills.
2. The board reviewed Policy #15 – Assets and Policy #16 – Conflict of Interest.
3. The board was informed that the high schools are looking at aligning school periods and breaks across the division. Many other divisions do this. This will help with the IITV courses being offered. Currently, because the time tables are not aligned, students have to leave IITV courses early so that they can get to their next class or arrive late to IITV from their last class. Aligning timetables will solve this problem. This will require all high schools to either go to a 4 period or 5 period day.
4. Information was shared that if high schools move to a 5 period day then we would need to examine the inter-campus bus currently running between Strathclair and Shoal Lake Schools.
5. The Assistant Superintendent shared information about accentuated learning environments. A group of educators and trustees toured a few schools in Mountain View School Division which has created a number of accentuated classrooms. There are many benefits to accentuated learning environments therefore the board increased the draft budget to pilot a few accentuated learning environment classrooms for next year.
6. The board ratified the CUPE contract. A signing ceremony will occur at a future date. Thanks to the CUPE Provincial and Local committees for making this a smooth and pleasant negotiation.