



# Park West School Division

**Topic:** Executive Summary of the January 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting  
**Date:** January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
**From:** Tim Mendel, CEO/Superintendent

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1. The board held its first budget meeting prior to the board meeting. Secretary-Treasurer Puhach compared Park West School Division expenditures with other school divisions. These comparisons are available through the Frame report. It was noted that Park West School Division has one of the lowest student/teacher ratios in the province, which means we generally have very small class sizes. The Secretary-Treasurer pointed out that while comparing expenditures in a variety of areas is useful, one needs to keep in mind that each division has its own unique circumstances which can make comparisons difficult. While some may have similar enrollment to Park West School Division they may have fewer schools, or their geographic region may be smaller, etc. All these factors contribute to a school division's bottom line.  
The Secretary-Treasurer also provided an update on our current budget. The budgeting process will continue over the next few months, with a final budget submitted to the province in early March. Look for an announcement regarding the public budget consultation date on our website.
2. The Maintenance department has started to collect data for the space audit being conducted by the school division.
3. The CEO reported that the air quality report conducted by an independent specialist has been completed and the report has been posted on our website. No concerns were found.
4. The board was provided an update on the vocational programs which will run second semester. Health Care Aide in Birtle has 14 students from 4 schools, Cosmetology in Waywayseecappo has 12 students from 5 schools, and Building Construction in Birtle has 13 students from 4 schools.