

2008 ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

The second Annual Meeting of the Electors of the Sun West School Division No. 207 was held in the theatre at Rosetown Central High School on Monday, April 28, 2008 starting 7:30 p.m. with 22 in attendance including the following members of the Board of Education and senior administration: Bill Mescall, Margaret Irwin, Karen Itterman, Norm McIntyre, Lorne Ulven, Ross Derdall, Barb Cowell, Ruth Griffith, Janet Casswell-Beckmann and Maureen Sample.

Ross Derdall called the meeting to order to the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. He introduced the members of the Board of Education and senior administration.

Elections

Maureen Sample called for nominations for a Chairman.

Karen Itterman nominated **Ross Derdall** for the position of Chairman for the meeting.
LaVonne Wiens moved that nominations cease. **Carried**

Ross Derdall called for nominations for a Secretary.
Lorne Ulven nominated **Maureen Sample** for the position of Secretary for the meeting.
Bill Mescall moved nominations cease. **Carried**

Minutes

Daryl Senecal moved that the minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Reports

The following reports [attached] were presented at the meeting:

- ◆ Chairman – Ross Derdall
- ◆ Superintendent of Business – Maureen Sample
- ◆ Director of Education – Janet Casswell-Beckmann

Susan Munchinsky moved that the three reports be accepted as presented. **Carried**

Discussion

Questions and answers and general discussion followed the reports. The discussion included the following:

- ◆ Are our student numbers going down? [Response: Yes, we are still graduating more students than we are birthing.]
- ◆ When will the school division become zero-grant? [Response: There are many factors that impact on the amount of grant we get, so we can't say when that might occur.]
- ◆ Why does it matter to the provincial government what our assessment is? [Response: Because our recognized expenditures minus our recognized revenue – based on our assessment and a provincial mill rate – determines how much grant we get.]

- ◆ Because the provincial government is rolling the reimbursement for the property tax rebates into the grants paid to school divisions, on the books, no division will ever appear to be zero grant. It's misleading.
- ◆ Reassessment in 2009 will see an impact on the residential assessment in Saskatoon; in this division the greatest impact will be on the oil and gas industry.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.