



**MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD AT THE CENTRE FOR EDUCATION IN STONY**  
**PLAIN, ALBERTA ON TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016**

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**ATTENDANCE:**

Kathleen Linder, Vice Chair	TJ Skalski, Learning Facilitator
Ron Heinrichs, Education Committee Chair	Elder Velma Bird, Paul First Nations
Dorcas Kilduff, Trustee	Allie Bearhead, Memorial Composite High School Student
Elsie Kinsey, Trustee	Trina Bearhead, Memorial Composite High School Student
Sally Kucher-Johnson, Trustee	Kassidy Mercredi, Memorial Composite High School Student
Richard Gilchrist, Trustee	Shania Potrais, Memorial Composite High School Student
Dianne McConnell, Associate Superintendent	Gabe Blais, Memorial Composite High School Student
Kelly Wilkins, Deputy Superintendent	Tuskonne Blais, Memorial Composite High School Student
Scott Johnston, Associate Superintendent	Blanket Exercise Participants
Claire Johnston, Associate Superintendent	

Regrets: Eric Cameron, Board Chair  
Tim Monds, Superintendent

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 am by Ron Heinrichs, Chair of the Education Committee, followed by a welcome and introductions.

**ACTION ITEMS**

The Board of Trustees expressed an interest in understanding how Parkland School Division is embedding the First Nations culture into our schools. One of the initiatives that Parkland School Division has undertaken to move us forward is the Blanket Exercise. The Blanket Exercise has been developed to involve participants in telling the history of the Indigenous People in Canada. Our learning facilitator TJ Skalski has been working with Parkland Students in training them to narrate and facilitate the exercise.

Participants began the exercise by sitting in a circle and, following introductions and smudging, the elder opened the exercise with a prayer. Approximately 50 individuals were present during the exercise and following the exercise all participants had a chance to share their experience.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

The next Education Committee Meeting will be determined.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.