

Strap To Stay In E.K. Schools

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A recommendation that teachers be prohibited from committing secret acts of strapping upon their students was defeated by four of the five members of the East Kildonan School Board at the December meeting.

With the benison of these four trustees, teachers will be able to vent their personal wrath and anger on any pupil with the strap without supervision.

Superintendent W. C. Green strongly recommended that this medieval practice be abolished and that corrective punishment only be given in the presence of a principal or vice-principal.

Voting in favor of the clandestine floggings were Chairman J. H. F. MacKay, Mrs. Y. M. Templin, D. F. Anderson and R. B. Matheson.

Only Trustee Al. Rouse refused to cast his vote against the resolution, which in affect, would have stopped possible brutality given under the shroud of discipline.

Superintendent Green, to no avail, warned the trustees of the possible dangers and related an incident in another school district where a young student had been strapped 20 times on each hand, causing severe damage, and where the teacher was subsequently dismissed.

He stated that teachers right in the East Kildonan School District have committed such acts of castigation and that "teachers can become angry and go too far." He told of an incident where a pupil had been strapped for failing to finish his homework.

Superintendent Green's attempt to prevent corporal punishment, unless given before the restraining hands of a competent senior school official, fell on deaf ears.