# **Meet Your Trustee!**

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Subdivision 6: Grayson, Melville and area

#### Why did you decide to run for trustee?

I care deeply about our students and schools and want to help lead and strengthen our community.

As a lifelong Melville resident, GSSD graduate, and parent of two GSSD students, I've walked the same halls at Davison and Melville Comprehensive School both as a student and now as a parent. I've been actively involved in my children's school journey and served on the Davison School Community Council for nearly a decade, along with several other community boards.

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I understand the unique challenges small-town schools face and believe student success goes beyond classroom outcomes—it depends on strong partnerships between parents, educators, and the division. I believe I bring a valuable perspective and am proud to be part of the conversation.

#### What is your favourite part about being a trustee?

Currently, it's all the learning. Stepping into the trustee role has come with a steep learning curve, but I've really enjoyed the conversations with fellow trustees, superintendents, and administrators. There's so much to take in, and I've appreciated the chance to expand my knowledge, build strong connections across the division and community, and grow into the role. And I have to say—Trustee Palmer's baking at meetings is definitely a bonus!

### Which GSSD value is most important to you, and why?

(Belonging, Diversity, Learning, Perseverance, Responsibility) To me, GSSD's values are more than just words—they're shown through daily actions. If I had to choose a favourite, it would be Diversity.

Classrooms are changing, and students need more individualized support. Embracing diversity helps us respond to these needs. It also exposes students to different perspectives, encouraging critical thinking, creativity, and empathy—skills that are essential for lifelong learning.

### When you aren't working as a trustee, how do you like to spend your time?

I'm glad the question didn't ask about my spare time, because there isn't much of that these days. I work full-time as a Human Resources professional, and am a mom to two busy kids (15 and 11) so I spend a lot of "free" time driving highway 10 transporting my children to and from activities. But for fun, I like to spend time camping with my family, digging in my garden, or swinging in the hammock reading a good book. In the winters, I enjoy cross country skiing or binge watching the latest Netflix hit.

