

Meet Your Trustee!

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Why did you decide to run for trustee?

I see how our communities thrive when local people come together for the benefit of everyone. I always love volunteering and found myself more and more involved in my daughters' school the past few years, so running for trustee caught my interest right away when I learned that our previous trustee was stepping down. This was another opportunity to help the schools in my area.

What is your favourite part about being a trustee?

My favourite part is being surrounded by so many people who share a vested interest in public education and supporting our schools. While we all bring different perspectives, experiences, and ages, we come together with a common goal.

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

(Belonging, Diversity, Learning, Perseverance, Responsibility)

While I see the importance of each of these values, I think learning is the foundation for them all. In a division as diverse as ours, the learning process is where students discover their strengths and figure out who they are. It's a building block to set kids up for adult lives where learning never stops.

What's one thing you've learned from your time on the board so far?

I've learned just how many people are involved in making our education system run smoothly. From the various committees to individuals all advocating to make our education system and Saskatchewan schools the best they can be. Every trustee has a part to play to ensure their communities are represented at the table.

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

When I'm not working as a trustee or in my ERT (Emergency Response Team) Coordinator role at Mosaic, I spend my time running a bed and breakfast with my wife, where we get to meet folks from all walks of life. In the winter, we enjoy snowboarding at Asessippi, and in the warmer months, you'll often find us around a campfire at home or road-tripping with our kids.