

Meet your KSD school trustees



Jennifer Olinyk - Ward 3

Jennifer was born and raised in the Swan River Valley, and graduated at SVRSS. She was enrolled in the vocational program of cosmetology, which allowed her to be a licensed hairdresser upon completing Grade 12. Her vision was to one day use this education working at a funeral home.

Jennifer and husband Verne have lived in The Pas for over 30 years. They have raised a daughter and a son, and both children have graduated from MBCI. They also have three grandchildren, one who lives in The Pas and attends school in the Kelsey School Division.

Jennifer had worked in healthcare for over twenty years and had many leadership roles within the system. She earned a certificate in Management Development. In 2014 she fulfilled her vision, graduating from The Canadian College of Funeral Directors, receiving two awards: Community Involvement Award (for high academic standards and active involvement in the community), and the Manitoba Funeral Association Award (for high academic standards, skills and for traits of the most well-rounded funeral director). Jennifer holds a funeral director's license in both Manitoba and Alberta. She is employed at Hemauer Funeral Home. In addition, she owns and operates a private business in the community - Helping Hands At Home.

Jennifer has continued to be a school trustee since first elected in Ward 3 in 2002. She felt she could share her assets, values and ability to work cooperatively with others to reach common goals and encourage student achievement. Jennifer chairs the Transportation Committee, and is a member of two Board committees: Community Liaison; Negotiations and Personnel.

"We need to ensure our schools are sensitive and responsible to the community we serve," she says. "I want to ensure that our school system can excel, be worthy and responsive to the needs of all students in our community. For students to be successful in the world, they need the support of our community."