

## Selena Mell - Superintendent (2020-22)



Selena Mell was appointed Superintendent of the Kelsey School Division for the period 2020-22. Selena came to KSD with an extensive variety of experiences and training, in Canada and internationally. She is also the Student Support Services Coordinator overseeing delivery of the K-12 programs in the Division.

Selena is originally from Quebec and has completed her Bachelor of Arts (NB), Bachelor of Education (NB), Master of Education (USA) and all courses toward her Doctorate in Education (BC). She is bilingual (English/French) and holds certification in Special Education. She worked with a French Immersion program in Quesnel, British Columbia and also served on various FI governing and advisory boards.

In addition to her previous Canadian school administration roles, internationally her experience included being an educator and K-12 leadership coach in the United Arab Emirates, Senior Leadership and Deputy Head (Academics) in an elite British/Chilean Pre K-12 school in Chile, Head of an English/German primary school and Education Director (N-12) in Berlin, Germany. Her previous position before coming to The Pas was as principal of an English/Mandarin Secondary School (Grades 10-12) in Qingdao, China.

Selena and her Chilean husband, Justo, arrived after having to quarantine in China, then Montreal and finally in The Pas before assuming her duties. Her daughter is attending university in Montréal.

Selena believes that “strong leadership is integral to a school’s success and is second only to classroom instruction as an influence on student learning.” Her leadership style is one of inclusion, with involved decision-making and participation in problem solving, while ensuring teachers and principals are treated as valuable professionals. She also advocates student engagement and support, connections to the community, and encouraging the personal growth and academic success of students.

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