

FEATURED BOARD MEMBER

JADE ANDERSON

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A PASSION FOR EDUCATION

Returning to her roots between Stockholm and Esterhazy after seven years in Saskatoon, Trustee Anderson, with a Master of Arts in Psychology, sought ways to give back to her community. Inspired by a departing board member, she embraced her passion for education, eager to improve the lives of youth and bring fresh ideas from her K-12 GSSD school experiences.

SURPRISING DISCOVERIES

Throughout her eight years on the board, Anderson was struck by a fundamental truth: most people desire the same outcomes. Despite controversial and emotionally charged issues, face-to-face discussions revealed common goals, particularly in creating safe and nurturing schools. These productive meetings, whether with parents, student groups, or advocacy sessions with MLAs, often led to consensus once all perspectives were considered.

PROUD MOMENTS

Trustee Anderson's tenure is marked by numerous proud moments. Highlights include attending the PJ Gillen Willow Awards gala, the Macdonald Regional Centres of Expertise (RCE) Sustainability Award event, and the annual Esterhazy High School (EHS) graduations. She also championed EHS's capital funding needs and celebrated trustee Lois Smandych's Saskatchewan School Boards' Association Award of Distinction. Active participation in school councils allowed her to meet engaged parents and witness remarkable school initiatives.

ADVICE FOR NEW TRUSTEES

Trustee Anderson advises incoming trustees to be patient as they navigate the steep learning curve, drawing from diverse fields like governance, education, finances, and more. She emphasizes learning from the board's rich history while encouraging new questions. Trust in the positive intentions of others and remain resilient in the face of controversy.

A GRATEFUL FAREWELL

Expressing heartfelt gratitude, Trustee Anderson thanks the GSSD staff and students for their support over the past eight years. She encourages everyone to vote in the upcoming election, highlighting the significant impact of school board trustees in shaping education.



Thank You