

FEATURED BOARD MEMBER

GORD GENDUR

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BECOMING A TRUSTEE

Trustee Gendur's journey to becoming a trustee was fueled by his love for his career as a teacher and administrator. He wanted to continue being part of the educational landscape and help guide the ship. He sees himself as a bridge builder, striving to understand and reconcile both sides of any equation. He believes in a middle-of-the-road philosophy, offering small "G" guidance to foster collaboration and understanding.

WHAT SURPRISED YOU THE MOST DURING YOUR TIME AS A TRUSTEE?

The volatility of issues trustees face has been quite surprising. Doing the right thing is often challenging because of the extremes on both sides of any issue. It's tough to sort out the middle ground and ensure decisions are made in the best interest of the children. Gathering all the facts and maintaining focus on what's best for the students is a constant challenge.

PROUD MOMENTS

There have been many proud moments during Trustee Gendur's time on the board. One of the highlights has been the collaborative work with the First Nations communities. Decisions that benefit children and seeing all trustees stand united in these decisions are immensely gratifying. The understanding established around truth and reconciliation and the unity in decision-making, always in the interest of the children, are achievements held dear.

ADVICE FOR NEW TRUSTEES

Trustee Gendur's advice to incoming trustees is to avoid coming in with preconceived notions or vendettas. Be open to understanding and change with thoughtful consideration. The Board represents a diverse range of schools and communities, so it's crucial to represent the entire school division. Allow others to express their views and work towards common goals with an open mind.

TO THE STUDENTS AND STAFF OF GSSD...

"To the students and staff of GSSD, I say be proud of what we have achieved and where we are heading. The people in charge are here for the right reasons, and together, we are building a bright future. Your dedication and hard work are the foundation of our success, and I am confident in our continued progress."

