



Cheryl Smukowich, Vice Chair

2006 – Present

Cheryl Smukowich was first elected to the St. James-Assiniboia School Board in October 2006, representing the Kirkfield-St. Charles Ward. A life-long resident of St. James-Assiniboia, Cheryl is a graduate of Sturgeon Creek Collegiate and attended Heritage School and Spring Valley School. Cheryl and her husband, Scott, are proud parents of four children, who have all graduated from our Division. They also have 4 grandchildren. Their eldest grandchild is currently attending elementary school in St. James.

From an early age Cheryl was taught the importance of contributing to the community and as her children have attended early, middle and senior schools, she has volunteered at every level. Other community activities include serving as President of KWCC Nursery School, 15 years as a board member of the Kirkfield West Community Centre (serving as President for 3 years) and Co-chair of the Westwood Collegiate Grad Committee. As a trustee, Cheryl has been an active board member, serving on all standing committees and serving as the Chair of the Personnel Committee for 5 years. She is currently in her 4th year as the Vice Chair of the St. James-Assiniboia School Division Board of Trustees. Cheryl also serves as one of the two Directors representing Region 5 (City of Winnipeg) on the Manitoba School Boards Association's Provincial Executive. The MSBA executive meets regularly with other stakeholders, as well as, representatives of all 3 levels of our government.

Cheryl is a strong advocate for public education and for helping students achieve success, while maintaining the Division's position as one of the lowest taxed school divisions in Winnipeg. She believes in prevention education programs to reduce incidents of violence, harassment, racism, bullying, as well as, drug and alcohol abuse. Cheryl also supports policies that provide a safe and nurturing environment for all students.

"It is an honour and a privilege to serve as a trustee. I will continue to work hard on behalf of all students in our school division."