



## Jennifer Lawson, Vice Chair

2010 – Present

Jennifer Lawson was first elected to the St. James-Assiniboia School Board in October 2010, representing the King Edward-Deer Lodge Ward. A life-long resident of St. James-Assiniboia, Jennifer attended Linwood School, Deer Lodge Junior High and graduated from St. James Collegiate. She and her husband Barry have two children, both of whom attended school in the Division. Jennifer has been an active participant in her children's education and in supporting the education of all students in our community. She has served on parent councils, arts councils and divisional assessment committees, and has volunteered in classrooms, for special events, and on school-based trips.

Jennifer has always been actively involved in the St. James community, as a former Board Member of Discovery Children's Centre and a supporter of a variety of community recreation programs such as baseball, football, and dance. She also served on the Provincial Daycare Advisory Committee, representing parents from across Manitoba.

Professionally, Jennifer is an educational writer and consultant, and also teaches in the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Education. She has a PhD in Educational Administration, with a focus on poverty and school leadership.

As a Trustee, Jennifer is currently Vice Chair, and was previously Chair of the Education Committee and the Personnel Committee. She is also an active member on a number of standing committees.

Jennifer is committed to supporting all students in meeting their potential through effective educational programs, including academics, the arts, athletics, trades programs and special education. She believes that every student possesses strengths as well as challenges, and that our schools are responsible for ensuring that all students fully develop their strengths and are supported in their challenges.

*"In the role of a Trustee, the word "trust" must be maintained as the focus of the job. The needs of students and the community must always stay in the forefront of decision-making."*