



News Release

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St. James-Assiniboia School Division Board of Trustees Elect Chair & Vice Chair

November 3, 2022 (Winnipeg, MB) – At the inaugural meeting of the 2022-26 St. James-Assiniboia School Division (SJASD) Board of Trustees on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, newly elected representatives voted for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Board.

Cheryl Smukowich was re-elected to the position of Chair. Smukowich served in this role from 2018 to 2022 and was the Vice Chair for five years. She was first elected in 2006. “Welcome all Board members. I look forward to working together in the best interests of our students,” said Smukowich.

Board members elected **Holly Hunter** to serve as Vice Chair. Hunter served as Chair of the Education Committee for two years and was also a member of the Governance Committee. She was first elected in 2018. “I look forward to mentoring new Trustees to help them fulfill the mission of the St. James-Assiniboia School Division,” said Hunter.

At the inaugural Board meeting, SJASD also welcomed five new and four returning Trustees to the Division. Trustees were sworn in to serve their four-year terms.

NEW

- Tara Smith, East Ward
- Angela Dunn, East Ward
- Rachelle Wood, Centre Ward
- Michael Cabral, Centre Ward
- Fiona Shiells, West Ward

RETURNING

- Holly Hunter, East Ward
- Craig Glennie, Centre Ward
- Cheryl Smukowich, West Ward
- Sandy Lethbridge, West Ward

SJASD would like to thank retiring Trustees for their many years of service to teaching and learning. Thank you to Jennifer Lawson (East Ward), Nicole Bowering (East Ward), Craig Johnson (Centre Ward), Bryan Metcalfe (Centre Ward) and Bruce Chegus (West Ward).

SJASD is a progressive school division in west Winnipeg serving approximately 8,200 students across 26 schools. SJASD is committed to educational programs in which children can develop their natural abilities to their fullest extent, building upon personal strengths and the richness of our area’s culturally diverse population. SJASD operates on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininew and Dakota peoples, and on the homeland of the Red River Métis nation. SJASD respects the Treaties that were made on this territory. For additional information, visit sjasd.ca.

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