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Tara Smith and Angela Dunn Elected to Chair & Vice Chair Positions in SJASD

September 11, 2025 (Winnipeg, MB) – At the annual meeting of the St. James-Assiniboia School Division School Board on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, Trustees voted for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair.

Tara Smith was elected to the role of Chair. Smith has previously served as Vice Chair (2024–2025) and has also held numerous committee roles including Chair of the Community Engagement Committee (2023–2024), as well as a member of the Human Resources/Governance Standing Committee (2022–2023). She has also been a Board representative of the Divisional Early Childhood Education Committee, and the Safe and Caring Schools Committee. Smith was first elected in 2022. She represents constituents in the East Ward of the Division and is a teacher in the public education sector. Smith is a proud member of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and a long-time resident of St. James. She has two children currently attending schools in SJASD.

"I'm honoured by the trust my fellow Trustees have placed in me and look forward to working collaboratively with the Board, Senior Administration, and our community. Together, we will continue to uphold our shared commitment to never lose sight of those we serve—every student, every family, every voice," said Smith.

Angela Dunn was elected to the role of Vice Chair. Dunn has previously served as Chair of the Community Engagement Committee (2024–2025 and 2022–2023). She has also served as a Board representative of the Divisional Early Childhood Education Committee and the Awards and Scholarships/Scholarship Foundation, as well as the School Board/Student Council Liaison. Dunn was first elected in 2022 as a representative of the East Ward. She has approximately 15 years of experience working with at-risk children, youth, and families, and has recently completed a bachelor's degree in social work. Dunn has three children attending schools in the Division.

"Thank you to the Board for entrusting me with this position. I look forward to serving in this new role. I am proud of all the amazing work that SJASD staff do for the families and communities of St. James, and I will do my best to support their efforts," said Dunn.

SJASD would like to thank outgoing Chair Holly Hunter for her exemplary service. Hunter held the role of Chair for two consecutive terms from 2023–2025, and previously served as Vice Chair from 2022–2023. Hunter continues to represent residents of the East Ward.

At the October 14 public Board Meeting, Trustees will elect representatives to standing and ad hoc committees for the 2025–2026 school year.

SJASD is a progressive school division in west Winnipeg serving over 8,500 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 and waters of the Anishinaabeg, the Ininewak, and the Dakota Oyate peoples, and on the birthplace and homeland of the Red River Métis nation. Our community is bound by Treaty One and we are all tied together through the treaties. For more information, visit [sjasd.ca](https://www.sjasd.ca).

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