

Cheryl Smukowich, Chair 2006 – Present

Cheryl was first elected to the St. James-Assiniboia School Board in October 2006, representing the Kirkfield-St. Charles Ward. Cheryl is currently the Chair of the Board of Trustees. She has also served as Vice-Chair of the Board for five years, and as the Chair of the Personnel Committee. 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 and her husband, Scott, have four children, who all graduated from the St. James-Assiniboia School Division. They currently have several grandchildren attending elementary schools in the Division. As an active member of her community, Cheryl served as President of Kirkfield West Community Centre (KWCC) Nursery School, 15 years as a board member of the KWCC (serving as President for 3 years) and Co-chair of the Westwood Collegiate Grad Committee.

Cheryl is a strong advocate for public education and for helping students achieve success. As a life time resident of St. James-Assiniboia, Cheryl appreciates the strong communities of our division. She believes that a critical role of school boards is to ensure the programming and opportunities offered to students and families reflect the needs and values of our community.

"It is an honour and a privilege to serve as a trustee. I will continue to advocate for my community and all students in our school division."