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## **Holly Hunter and Sandra Lethbridge Elected to Chair & Vice Chair Positions in SJASD**

**September 8, 2023 (Winnipeg, MB)** – At the annual meeting of the St. James-Assiniboia School Division School Board on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, Trustees voted for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair.

**Holly Hunter** was elected to the role of Chair. Hunter has previously served as Vice Chair (2022-23) and has also held numerous committee roles including Chair of the former Education Committee (2020-2022). Hunter was first elected in 2018. She represents constituents in the East Ward of the Division. “I am humbled to be selected by my fellow trustees to serve as Chair of the Board for the 2023-24 school year,” said Hunter.

**Sandra Lethbridge** was elected to serve as Vice Chair. Lethbridge represents the West Ward and was first elected to the St. James-Assiniboia School Board in 2010. Since then, she has served on numerous committees, most recently as Chair of the former Personnel Committee (2014-22), and Chair of the Human Resources/Governance Committee (2022-23). In 2022, Lethbridge was acclaimed as the Manitoba School Boards Association’s (MSBA) Vice President of School Boards with greater than 6,000 students. “I would like to thank my Board members for their support and am looking forward to my new role on the St. James-Assiniboia School Division Board of Trustees,” said Lethbridge.

SJASD would like to thank outgoing Chair Cheryl Smukowich for serving in the role for the last five consecutive school years, notably during the pandemic. Smukowich continues to represent residents of the West Ward.

At the next public Board Meeting on October 3, Trustees will elect representatives to standing and ad hoc committees for the 2023-24 school year.

For more information about the Chair and Vice Chair, visit the [Governance](#) section of SJASD’s website.

SJASD is a progressive school division in west Winnipeg serving over 8,300 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](http://sjasd.ca).

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