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Bio

I moved to Grande Prairie as a young teenager with my family in 1996, (don't do the math! LOL!), and it has become my home. My husband and I are raising four incredible children, all of whom attend public schools in Grande Prairie. We are small business owners, community volunteers, and invested in our community.

Vision and Goals – Platform

Having served on the Grande Prairie Public School Board, I have learned a great deal about our community, governance, the strengths in

education, and the challenges education faces. To share my platform, I'll start by sharing values I hold close to help govern and direct me as a person. I'm not perfect by any means but in an effort to do my best I will continue to pursue compassion, integrity, morality, accountability, and honesty. It's these that would be the foundation of where I stand on education and the care of your child/ren. Now I will share with you some of the topics that I believe are so very valuable in our education system.

> Honoring the rights of parents and families.

First and foremost I believe parents have the authority and autonomy over their children. Parents know what is best for their child/ren and their family. Teachers, parents, school administration, boards... it takes a village as they say and I feel that cohesion in the message we send our kids through the support we give, standards set, hard work and commitment to doing our best is vital in these changing times.

> Educational Integrity

Alberta has long been "the beacon on the hill" in Canada for our quality of education. I believe we need to get back to setting the standard and send the message to our students that we believe in them. I believe that preserving history is important and class sizes, teacher aides, support for special needs, teacher retention, and accountability for all are keys to successful schools.

> Support for teachers = support for kids.

Teachers really are unsung heroes. It seems every year there are more responsibilities and expectations added for our teachers and authority being taken away. I believe in hard work to advance and respect and gratitude for teachers. Children often don't fit into a neat and tidy "package", especially not when it comes to education. Acknowledging different academic needs and providing sufficient support for students and teachers alike.

> Encouraging Environment

I would love to see attitudes of mutual respect and kindness, and gratitude for education and the many people who are in our schools be the signature characteristics of Peace Wapiti Schools. Where we strive to move forward everyday with compassion and intention and to be there for each other when we fall...building relationships and growing in community. Thank you for taking the time to get informed and for reading my platform. I hope I can earn your support for the upcoming election on October 18th and thank you in advance for voting!

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