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### **Vision and Goals – Platform**

"It is important to recognize that our division is both geographically and demographically diverse. As Trustees, we must keep the needs of all students in mind whenever we consider any matter(s) before us."

I will continue to:

- Lobby government for a full review of transportation funding in Alberta, including how Boards have historically spent transportation funding; and use the data to establish a new grid recognizing adversities faced by rural boards, especially those providing transportation to remote and geographically challenging areas. Equal does not mean equitable.

- Advocate for government recognition of the difficulties in providing crucial services to rural schools, such as mental health supports. Factors for consideration are fewer mental health professionals available, distance and travel time, and how youth mental health affects absenteeism and is a strong predictor of academic success or failure.

- Lobby for improved funding for rural education. • Build relationships by working with municipalities, engaging communities and working with parents to help provide authentic engagement in their schools and their children's education.

- Make student-centered decisions, such as continuing to support PWPSD's Collaborative Response Model as well as Literacy and Numeracy Interventions, and always consider what is best for all PWPSD students when making decisions.

### **Community Involvement**

Currently in my 30th year of working and volunteering at PWPSD, I have volunteered in many aspects of education, both locally and provincially. Some examples are:

- Working with School Councils (Chair of two)
- Alberta School Councils' Association committees, including Teaching and Lifelong Learning (TALL) Committee
- Excellence in Teaching Awards – member of the Final Selection Committee
- Founded C.A.U.S.E. – Caring and Understanding School Environment (Anti-bullying)
- Crime Prevention – Rural Schools representative
- Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) – Bylaw Review and Marketing Consortia

## **Career and Experience**

I've served 17 years as a PWPSD trustee, including as Board Chair during 2014-2019, and Vice Chair during 2007-2008 and 2013-2014. During that time, I have been a member of at least 26 committees. I have years of experience in office administration, payroll and accounting. Together with my husband, we ran an electrical contracting company for many years.

I spent four years managing an office for a psychologist. During 1991-2004, I volunteered and was employed at PWPSD schools as an Administrative Assistant, Educational Assistant, and as a contract data entry clerk for the Alberta Test Results Analysis Critique (ATRAC).

## **Education**

Diploma in Office Administration with major in Accounting from Grande Prairie Regional College (GPRC); studied Humanistic Psychology and Personal Development at GPRC; and completed two years of a Life Office Management Fellowship.

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