



WARD #1 Candidate Profile



Jennifer Adams-Hessel

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself, as a candidate for Trustee for the Catholic School Board. I have had excellent educators who lived their Catholic faith. Their beliefs permeated every aspect of their teaching in the classroom. I believe that the strong Catholic faith of my teachers was instrumental in strengthening my own faith, and I want to share this faith with students, their families, teachers and school administrators in my community.



Michelle Boisvert

I, Michelle (Marchand) Boisvert am married to Victor. We have three adult children who have all graduated from St. Joseph Catholic High School. I attended Catholic Schools from grades 1-12. My faith has always been very important to me. For 9 years as a Family & Children Minister, I witnessed firsthand the joy and the struggles of students. Under God's direction, we must strive to support and guide parents in their children's faith journey.



Jason Gunther

I am Jason Gunther; I am married to Iamerca and have two children; Tyrrell and Bethany. My reason to become a trustee is to help our students and school staff. After 5 years as School Council Chair, I have noticed the needs of our schools and I saw this opportunity as a God sent to help fulfill them. Through support, communication and inclusivity I want to make our schools a better place for our children.



Daniel Jodoin

Daniel Jodoin was born and raised in Grande Prairie and is himself a former GPCSD student. He lives in Grande Prairie with his wife and newborn son, and recently obtained a Master of Theological Studies degree from Newman Theological College. Daniel is hoping to encourage the truth, goodness, and beauty of a true Catholic education for all students in our separate schools, and be a positive advocate for Catholic education in the Province of Alberta.



Michael Ouellette (Incumbent)

My name is Michael Ouellette and I am running for Re-Election. I have served two terms on the Board and the last year as Vice-Chair. I am an active member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church and also with the Knights Of Columbus. We need to continue to work with our Teachers and Support Staff to give them the tools they need to educate our children. Our children Autumn and Seth attend St. Gerard's.



Michael Popek

My wife Nicole and I have been married for seven years and have four children. Benjamin, our oldest is in kindergarten at Ecole St. Gerard. His siblings will be joining Ben in the years to follow. I have a degree in Education from the U of A majoring in Physics and Math. I also have a passion for music and the arts. We are active members of St. Joseph Parish and attend eleven o'clock Mass.



Alyeska Silvester-Degen (Incumbent)

My name is Alyeska Silvester-Degen. I am a mother of three and a proud Catholic. As a former student and current parent of this district, I am extremely passionate about its future success. Ultimately, the goal is student success. This can only be achieved by working with staff and parents, as each brings valuable insight about each student. If re-elected, I will continue to listen to your voices to ensure the success of all students.



Keith Redl

I am a practicing Catholic who retired from the RCMP five years ago. Catholic education is very important to me from the point of views of Faith, Teaching and Learning as I have a vested interest in all three. I have three grandchildren attending Mother Teresa School, a son teaching in Sexsmith and a daughter-in-law teaching in Grande Prairie. I have a great deal of life, work and management experience to bring to the Board.



Stacey Twerdochlib

My name is Stacey Twerdochlib. I am proud to have all 3 of my girls in the Catholic School District. I have been married to Kelvin for 17 wonderful years. In 2013 I completed RCIA and found something beautiful in the Catholic faith. I have spent 10 years volunteering on School Council, 5 of those years chairing. I now feel I have the knowledge and experience to serve our families in a greater capacity.

Meet and Greet the candidates Saturday September 30 (7:00 p.m.) and Sunday October 1 (9:00 a.m. & 11 a.m.) after Mass
At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Tranquille Hall.

All Candidates Public Open House – Thursday, October 5 at 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
At St. Joseph's Catholic Church Tranquille Hall. This is a facilitated event. All are welcome.

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