



## KEITH MORRISON

### Ward 3 Trustee

Keith Morrison was first elected as a school trustee in 2018, but he already has a great deal of experience in the division as a former teacher, principal, and assistant superintendent.

As a teacher, he developed a thorough understanding of how children develop and learn. As a principal, he experienced how schools operate and became aware of the concerns and needs of parents. And as an assistant superintendent, he learned how the division works and what the community expects of it.

He is keenly aware, he says, that Manitoba Education intends to make changes to the education system, and he believes it will be critical that RETSD has an experienced voice representing the best interests of the division during consultations with government

officials. It is important that every effort is made to protect the good things that have been achieved by the division.

Keith knows that a trustee is the voice that represents the greater community, and as such, opinions often need to be put aside to best represent the whole. One needs to first understand and then be understood in this process, he says; that is how positive decisions are reached.

The primary guiding principle he uses in the decision-making process is what is in the best interest of students. This principle is grounded in honesty, integrity, transparency, and mutual respect.

Keith says he is, and always will be, an advocate for students and quality education, and student advocacy is a very important duty of a trustee. Student success is often dependent upon the actions of decisions-makers, such as trustees, and it is a responsibility he does not take lightly.

In his spare time Keith enjoys fishing, and—not being the most accomplished angler—many sessions on the waters result in relaxation rather than successful catches. As well, during the warmer months, gardening occupies much of his time. Woodworking is a passion for Keith, and he enjoys construction and home renovation projects. And, of course, being a proud grandpa means spending many an hour watching hockey, soccer and lacrosse games, as well as dance recitals and gymnastic competitions.