



SUSAN OLYNIK

Ward 4 Trustee

Elected in 2018, Susan Olynik believes she brings a fresh perspective to the board of trustees as a parent, business executive, and active community member.

And having recently retired as an executive from a provincial Crown corporation, she now has the time to devote to this important role.

Susan recognizes that trustees must represent the community's interests in the education system, and be able to make informed decisions pertaining to policy and fiscal responsibility.

They must do their due diligence to be an effective trustee, she says, so they understand the issues at hand. They must also be strong communicators and be respectful members of the school board.

There are many challenges facing students and parents today, and they should have a say in the issues that directly impact their lives. Susan is a firm believer in stakeholder consultation—parents, educators, and those with a vested interest in education should be invited into the discussion when major decisions affecting the education of RETSD students are going to be made.

Susan is excited about having the opportunity to work with a great team of people who are striving to achieve the same goal—ensuring that the RETSD vision meets the needs of all children. She has young nephews who currently attend school in RETSD and she wants to be certain they, and all our children, have a positive and successful education experience.

Susan is a past board member of CNIB Manitoba, and currently serves on the board of the Responsible Gambling Council, an organization dedicated to problem gambling prevention. She recently received the Crowning Achievement Award from the Canadian Public Relations Society (Manitoba) for demonstrated excellence in communications and public relations.

Susan and her husband have two adult sons and have lived in East and North Kildonan all their lives. She enjoys swimming, travelling, reading and gardening.