



ROLLING RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT'S BULLETIN

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Are You Interested in Becoming a Guidance Counsellor or Resource Teacher?

In light of the special skills set required for both Guidance Counsellors and Resource Teachers, Rolling River School Division is planning to implement a mentorship program for teachers interested in future careers in these areas. To this end, we are inviting teachers to discuss this opportunity with their school administrator and request an outline of this initiative.

Teachers admitted into the mentorship program will be provided release time in order to attend meetings, receive in-house training, and be given the opportunity to work with Guidance Counsellors or Resource Teachers in a one to one setting. Training opportunities outside of the division will also be identified as part of the program.

Interested teachers should submit a letter outlining their reasons for interest in becoming a Guidance Counsellor or Resource Teacher. The letter should also include the skills and attributes that would make them a good candidate for the position as well as their personal philosophy about working with children in these capacities. Please send letters to Debbie Parrott at the Division Office. Any questions should be directed to Debbie at 867-2754 Ext. 227.

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**Recently Revised Policies and Regulations**

***Please take time to read the following as some of them apply to all employees. All policies and regulation are on our website under the Policy Manual heading.***

- BCE - Standing Committees of the Board
- BHA - New Board Member Orientation
- BJA - Manitoba Association of School Trustees
- DBD - School Division Budget Preparation
- DBJA - School Budgets
- DFD - Electrical Service Parking Facilities
- DIC - School Funds, Fundraising and Fees
- DJA - Purchasing Authority
- DJB - Petty Cash
- DLA - Payroll Schedule - Non-Teaching Personnel
- ECAA - Employee Personal Use of Division Garage and Maintenance Shop
- EE - Bus Servicing for Other Divisions
- EEAAA - Student Transportation - Winter Dress
- EEAAE - Transportation - Accident
- EEAC - Bus Drivers - Consumption of Alcohol
- EEACA - Bus Drivers Medical
- EEBC - Transportation Insurance
- EECD - Transportation - Storm Policy
- GBED - Working Alone
- GBG - Leave for Political Involvement
- GBL - Personnel Files
- G CBD - Leave of Absence
- GCA - Grant Application
- GCBA - Disclosure of Salary Information
- GCD - Recruitment and Selection
- GCDAB - Resignations
- JC - School of Choice
- JED - Student Absence
- JFCA - Student Dress Code
- JG - Behaviour Management
- JGA - Assessing Violence Potential: Policy for Dealing with High-Risk Student Behaviours
- KG - Community Use of School Facilities
- KLD - Resolving Complaints
- IICC - School Based Volunteers
- IKE - Student Placement Guidelines

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"Meet the Trustees"

Wally Yanchycki graduated from the Brandon University with a B.A., a double major in Economics and Geography, and a B. Ed. in Educational Administration. In 1992 he retired as Principal of the Erickson Elementary School, after 28 years of working as Principal in the same school. That same year he was elected to the RRSD School Board and also to the Erickson Town Council where he served 10 years as Councillor, Deputy Mayor and Mayor. For the past decade he's worked on different committees at the Provincial level with the Manitoba Association of School Trustees. For 5 years he was a Provincial Director with the Knights of Columbus. His daily involvement is in computer stock trading and playing music, currently with the band "Parkland Country". Wally and his wife Frances live in Erickson and have three married sons - Dennis, Rick and Darren.

Shelley Livingstone was born and raised in Brandon being the youngest of a family of eight, all of who still live and work in the area. She is employed by the RM of Cornwallis as the Administrative Assistant. Shelley and her husband Brian live on a acreage east of Brandon and both love the outdoors and enjoy spending time with their horses, dog, family and friends.

“Meet the Trustees” - Continued

Lawrence McFarlane graduated from Rivers Collegiate and then the University of Manitoba in Agriculture. He was first elected to the School Board in 1995. He represents the Rivers - Oak River area. He is a grain farmer plus he is in the Restaurant and Limousine business. Lawrence's other interests include downhill skiing, buying, selling and collecting cars. He is also secretary of Rivers & Area Lions Club, President of Rivers Lions Village - Life Lease complex, on the Daly-Sask Rec. Commission and Riverdale Health Foundation. He has two daughters, Deanna and Brie who graduated from Rivers Collegiate and are both at the University of Manitoba, Deanna is in her graduating year in Political Science and Brie is in her 1st year.

Lori McMillan is a trustee for Ward 4 in Minnedosa. She is married to Lee and they have three very busy children: Averyl and Janna who attend Minnedosa Collegiate and Landon who is at Tanner's Crossing School. Their children are involved in sports through their schools, 4H, Scouts and Sunday School. Lori helps in various capacities with these organizations. They feel fortunate as they moved back to their hometown almost 6 years ago and had lived prior to that in the communities of Warren and Ninette. Lee works for Redfern's in Minnedosa and Lori works for the Mendrikis' at John's Tax Service. Lori attended MCI from grades 10-12 and is thrilled that her children now have that opportunity. She looks forward to serving her community and the Rolling River School Division in her role as trustee.

Loreen Jackson grew up on a farm in the Basswood area and graduated from Minnedosa Collegiate and Brandon University with a Bachelor of Arts. She has been a primary teacher at Binscarth, resource/primary teacher in Rossburn and is a substitute teacher in Park West School Division. Loreen and her husband Glen purchased a farm in the Minnedosa area and are grain farming. They have 3 children who all graduated from Minnedosa. She enjoys gardening, music and Glen and Loreen have completed several furniture refinishing projects. They also enjoy travelling when farming and Board meetings permit.

Dan Mazier was born and raised and continues to live on the family farm in the Justice area. He is married to Leigh and they have 2 children, Hannah and Mike who attend school in Forrest. Dan worked for 17 years at Simplot as an operator while farming on the side. Since leaving Simplot in 2001 Dan has increased the farm operation and currently is running a very mixed farm. Over the past few years he has been involved in various organizations including Keystone Agricultural Producers, Canadian Young Farmers Forum and various community based causes. Dan's latest project has been pursuing the development of a community wind energy project in his area. As hobbies, Dan enjoys downhill skiing and spending time with family and both his children keep them pretty busy.

Ken Cameron was born in Minnedosa in 1961 and raised on the family farm in the RM of Odanah. He received his education at Forrest Elementary and Elton Collegiate, graduating grade 12 in 1979. Ken farmed for 15 years and then went on to be Manager at Ken Kane Aerial Spraying, Minnedosa and operates his own garbage & recycle collection business. Ken and Debbie have 3 daughters and 5 grandchildren, 2 of which are presently enrolled in schools in Rolling River School Division. He has been involved in the community in many capacities over the years; Minnedosa Curling Club, Minnedosa Complex Board, Valley Snowhawks, Minnedosa Parks Board, and the Minnedosa and District Recreation Commission.

Grant (Claude) Shannacappo grew up in Brandon and at the age of 17 he moved back to the Rolling River First Nation community. That is where he met his wife Martha and together they raised two sons, Peter and Ian. Claude is a Band Member with Rolling River First Nation and is presently employed with the Rolling River First Nation in the Maintenance Department. Claude enjoys all kind of sports, and spending time with their grandson Ethan and also he enjoys helping out wherever he can.

Carole Black was born in Ottawa the third child of 6 in a military family. Her early education was taken in Ontario, Manitoba, British Columbia and Nova Scotia. In 1972 Carole graduated as a Licensed Practical Nurse from Red River Community College and then worked at the Brandon General Hospital until 1985. There she held positions of Local and Provincial President of the Manitoba Association of Licensed Practical Nurses, Local President and Chairman of the BGH Bargaining Committee for Manitoba Organization of Nurses' Associations. Then in 1985 she married her husband Melvin and moved to the family Century Farm four miles south of Oak River. Together they operate a mixed farm of cattle and grains. Carole and Melvin have three children; Ashley (20) who is attending BU enrolled in the Bachelor of Science program - 2nd year, Justin (17) is in grade 12 at Rivers Collegiate and Gregory (16) is in grade 11 at Rivers Collegiate. Carole's community involvement is Sunday School teacher and Superintendent, UCW member and Board member of Oak River United Church for 15 years, Oak River Women's Institute member 20 years and Executive offices for 19 years, Oak River Community Association Board member for 17 years, Oak River Agriculture Society member for 21 years and Assistant Director for 15 years, Oak River School volunteer for 17 years, Parent Council 4 years, Member of Oak River School Review Committee, Oak River 4-H leader 11 years and Head Leader for 9 years. Her main interests are centered around family and Community. She tries to have quality family and community life by offering a variety of learning and educational opportunities. This mean getting involved in family and community organizations. When time permits she enjoys photography, loves to read, do crossword puzzles, dabble in handicrafts, loves to cook, and travelling.

Crystal Erickson is from Onanole where she has lived since 1981. She is currently running a licensed day-care from her home and has done that since 1997. She is married with four children, husband Craig is a mechanic for Parks Canada, children Maria is 14, Travis is 12, Kendra is 5, and Cole is 22 months. They live a mile outside of Onanole and enjoy many benefits of country living. They have 4 pygmy goats that they adore, along with rabbits, dogs, cats, and guinea pigs. They love to snowmobile and ski in the winter and play shinny on their homemade outdoor rink. Travis plays hockey in Minnedosa, so from October to March that is a huge part of their lives. In the summer they love to bike, hike, and do a lot of camping with their trailer. Having 3 children in school keeps everyone very busy and Crystal enjoys being able to play a large role in supporting them with all their school activities. She enjoys reading, gardening, cooking, yoga, and is passionate about CWF (Canadian Wildlife Federation) and the Humane Society. Crystal has done Peer groups within the Westman Region and enjoys teaching and learning from children of all ages. Crystal has really been enjoying her new job as a school trustee and is enjoying being part of a team that is working together for the same outcome!

HAVE A GREAT SPRING BREAK!