

NEWS RELEASE

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CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR ELECTED FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

An Organizational Meeting of the Prairie Valley School Division Board of Education was held November 5, 2012.

Through an internal board election, Janet Kotylak was elected to the position of Chair and Bert de Gooijer was elected to the position of Vice-Chair. Both positions are effective immediately.

Janet Kotylak is from Montmartre. Kotylak has worked in government as well as the private sector, and currently operates a livestock and grain farm with her husband. She is the mother of three children, two school-aged and one in university and is an active community volunteer. Kotylak has served 7 years on the Board and as experience as Board Chair and Board Vice-Chair. She was also appointed by the Saskatchewan School Boards Association as a provincial trustee representative to the University of Regina Senate.

“As Chair, I look forward to advocating for 21st century educational opportunities for all rural students,” says Kotylak.

Bert de Gooijer, of Kelliher, operates a mixed family farm. He graduated from the College of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan. de Gooijer is married with four children. de Gooijer is involved in local community and church organizations, and has served as a Board member for the past 13 years, and is currently the Chair of the Public Boards Section of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association.

“Our Board will continue to lobby for a provincial funding formula that recognizes the true cost of delivering education in rural Saskatchewan,” says de Gooijer.

The next Board meeting will be held December 12, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at the Division Office.

Prairie Valley School Division serves approximately 8,000 students in 38 schools throughout southeast Saskatchewan. In support of the vision “Leadership in Learning and Life”, the Division strives to ensure a high-quality education that provides students with the tools to reach and exceed their potential.

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