

November 21, 2013

CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR ELECTED FOR THE PRAIRIE VALLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Prairie Valley School Division elected the Chair and Vice-Chair for the Board of Education at an Organizational Meeting held on November 20, 2013.

Janet Kotylak was re-elected by acclamation to the position of Board Chair, and Bert de Gooijer was re-elected by acclamation to the position of Vice-Chair. Both positions are effective immediately and will remain effective for the duration of the 2013-2014 year.

Kotylak, from Montmartre, operates a livestock and grain farm with her husband and is an active member of her community. "Our Division has celebrated a number of outstanding successes despite a range of unique challenges," said Kotylak. "As Board Chair I will continue to advocate for the resources that we need so that we can keep building on our many successes." Kotylak is in her third term with the Prairie Valley Board of Education and was also recently elected for a second term as an Executive Member representing the Southern Constituency with the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA).

de Gooijer, from Kelliher, is a graduate from the College of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan and currently operates a mixed family farm. "As our Division has matured we have seen great success and continued positive growth," said de Gooijer. "We as a Board will continue to provide dedicated leadership and sound public stewardship for our rural communities." This marks de Gooijer's second term of Vice-Chair for Prairie Valley School Division and his 13th year as a Board member. de Gooijer also serves as the Chair of the Public Section of the SSBA.

The Board also welcomed new member Rachel Sangwais who was elected as a trustee for Subdivision 11 in a by-election held on October 23, 2013. Sangwais is a Councillor with the Sakimay First Nation and brings experience in the education system to her new role.

The annual Organizational Meeting also assigns Board Members to special committees that reflect the priorities of the Board. Committees that were established at the

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Organizational Meeting include: Audit and Risk Management, Student Achievement, Students and Public Engagement, Infrastructure, and Employee Relations.

Prairie Valley wishes to extend gratitude to outgoing trustees Barry Bashutski and Allan Larose for their years of dedication to the Prairie Valley Board of Education. The Board will consider by-election dates at the December board meeting.

The Prairie Valley Board of Education holds public meetings monthly. A comprehensive member listing and further Board information can be found at www.pvsd.ca under Board of Education.

Prairie Valley School Division serves approximately 8,100 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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