

November 19, 2015

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

Prairie Valley School Division re-elected by acclamation Janet Kotylak to the position of Board Chair and Bert de Gooijer to the position of Vice-Chair at an organizational meeting held yesterday, November 18, 2015. Both positions are effective immediately for the duration of the 2015-2016 year.

Janet, who is from Montmartre and operates a livestock and grain farm with her husband, is an active member of her community. "This past year we have had great success in achieving our provincial sector plan initiatives and local priorities, and I am proud of our progress as a Board in yielding positive results for our students, staff and communities. I am excited to continue to build on our progress and celebrate our students' successes as we move into our tenth year as Prairie Valley School Division in January 2016." Janet is in her fourth consecutive term as Chair and her tenth year as a Board member. She was also re-elected by acclamation as Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) Executive Member representing the Southern Constituency at last week's SSBA Fall Assembly.

Bert de Gooijer of Kelliher currently operates a mixed family farm with his wife and is a graduate from the College of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan. "As a Board we are proud of the good work being done in Prairie Valley School Division. I look forward to working with the Board and staff to continue to provide leadership to do good things for kids." This marks Bert's fourth consecutive term as Vice-Chair and his sixteenth year as a Board member. Bert was also re-elected by acclamation as the Chair of the SSBA Public Section at the Public Section Annual Meeting.

The annual organizational meeting also assigns Board members to special committees that reflect the priorities of the Board. The committee structure consists of the Audit and Risk Management Committee and the Planning and Development Committee.

Prairie Valley Board of Education holds monthly public meetings during the school year. For a comprehensive member listing and Board meeting information, visit www.pvsd.ca.

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