

November 14, 2014

### **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 on November 12, 2014. Both positions are effective immediately for the duration of the 2014-2015 year.

Janet, who is from Montmartre and operates a livestock and grain farm with her husband, is an active member of her community. "I am excited to continue to work with all Board members over the coming year as we celebrate our successes, build on our progress and focus on provincial sector initiatives and our local priorities in Prairie Valley School Division." Janet is in her third consecutive term as Chair and her ninth year as a Board member. She is also an executive member of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) representing the Southern Constituency.

Bert 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 a Board we are proud to represent our rural communities, and I look forward to working with the Director of Education and all staff, parents, school community councils, and education partners to continue improving learning opportunities and success for students." This marks Bert's third consecutive term as Vice-Chair and his fourteenth year as a Board member. Bert also serves as the Chair of the SSBA Public Section.

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](http://www.pvsd.ca) under Board of Education.

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