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Election of Board Chair Prairie Valley School Division

At its annual organizational meeting November 12, 2008, the Prairie Valley School Division Board of Education held its election for the positions of chair and vice-chair. Janet Kotylak was elected chair with Sandi Urban-Hall elected vice-chair.

Kotylak has been involved in education as a member of a local board of trustees since 1997 and with the PVSD Board of Education since its inception. She is the mother of three school-aged children and spends time volunteering in her community. Kotylak is actively involved in her farming operation and has worked in government and the private sector.

Urban-Hall, has served as a trustee since 2003, is a parent of four school-aged children and a former SaskTel Manager. She is a first responder in her community and is focused on developing community opportunities for children and youth in education and sports. Urban-Hall also serves on the executive of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association.

Kotylak said, "I would like to express my thanks, on behalf of the board, to Rod Luhning for his dedication to the division and for giving selflessly of his time in support of student education." Luhning held the position of chair since Prairie Valley was created over three years ago and has also served as chair of the Qu'Appelle Valley and Buffalo Plains boards of education.

"I am looking forward to continuing my work as a board member," said Luhning. "Holding the position of chair was a challenge, but also a privilege. The division is in capable hands with our newly elected chair and vice-chair, a board that is working together on behalf of students, and with Mr. Ben Grebinski in the director position."

Prairie Valley School Division serves more than 8,100 students in 38 schools throughout south-eastern Saskatchewan. To support its vision of leadership in learning and in life, and through a commitment to shared values, 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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