

October 31, 2016

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED TO THE PRAIRIE VALLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Prairie Valley School Division is pleased to announce the results of the October 26, 2016 Board of Education elections:

Subdivision 1	Bert de Gooijer	Re-elected by acclamation
Subdivision 2	Verne Barber	Elected; new Board member
Subdivision 3	Marlene Blatter	Elected by acclamation; new Board member
Subdivision 4	Jeffrey Baran	Elected; new Board member
Subdivision 5	Denise Couture	Elected; new Board member
Subdivision 6	Terry Berglund	Re-elected by acclamation
Subdivision 7	Janet Kotylak	Re-elected by acclamation
Subdivision 8	Judy Bradley	Re-elected
Subdivision 9	Frank Thauberger	Re-elected by acclamation
Subdivision 10	Kenton Emery	Re-elected
Subdivision 11	Rachel Sangwais	Re-elected

The new Board members bring a wealth of diverse experiences and qualifications to their positions and are excited to begin Board work, including hosting upcoming Student Senates, connecting with school community councils and engaging with education partners. As we enter a period of change within the Prekindergarten to Grade 12 education sector, the Board is committed to advocating for equitable opportunities for all students and for keeping the public voice in public education.

At its annual Organizational Meeting held today, the Board of Education re-elected by acclamation Janet Kotylak to the position of Board Chair and Bert de Gooijer to the position of Vice-Chair at the meeting. Both positions are effective immediately for the duration of the 2016-2017 year.

Janet is from Montmartre, operates a livestock and grain farm with her husband and is an active member of her community. "As the Board begins a new four-year mandate, I look forward to working with new and returning Board members to build on our progress over the past 10 years and provide the best possible educational opportunities for all students." Janet is in her fifth consecutive term as Chair and her eleventh year as a Board member.

Bert de Gooijer of Kelliher operates a mixed family farm with his wife and is a graduate from the College of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan. "I look forward to working as part of a progressive Board that supports our staff and communities in all they do to provide learning opportunities and invites the participation of students, parents, guardians, school community councils, First Nations and community members in our school division." This marks Bert's fifth consecutive term as Vice-Chair and his seventeenth year as a Board member.



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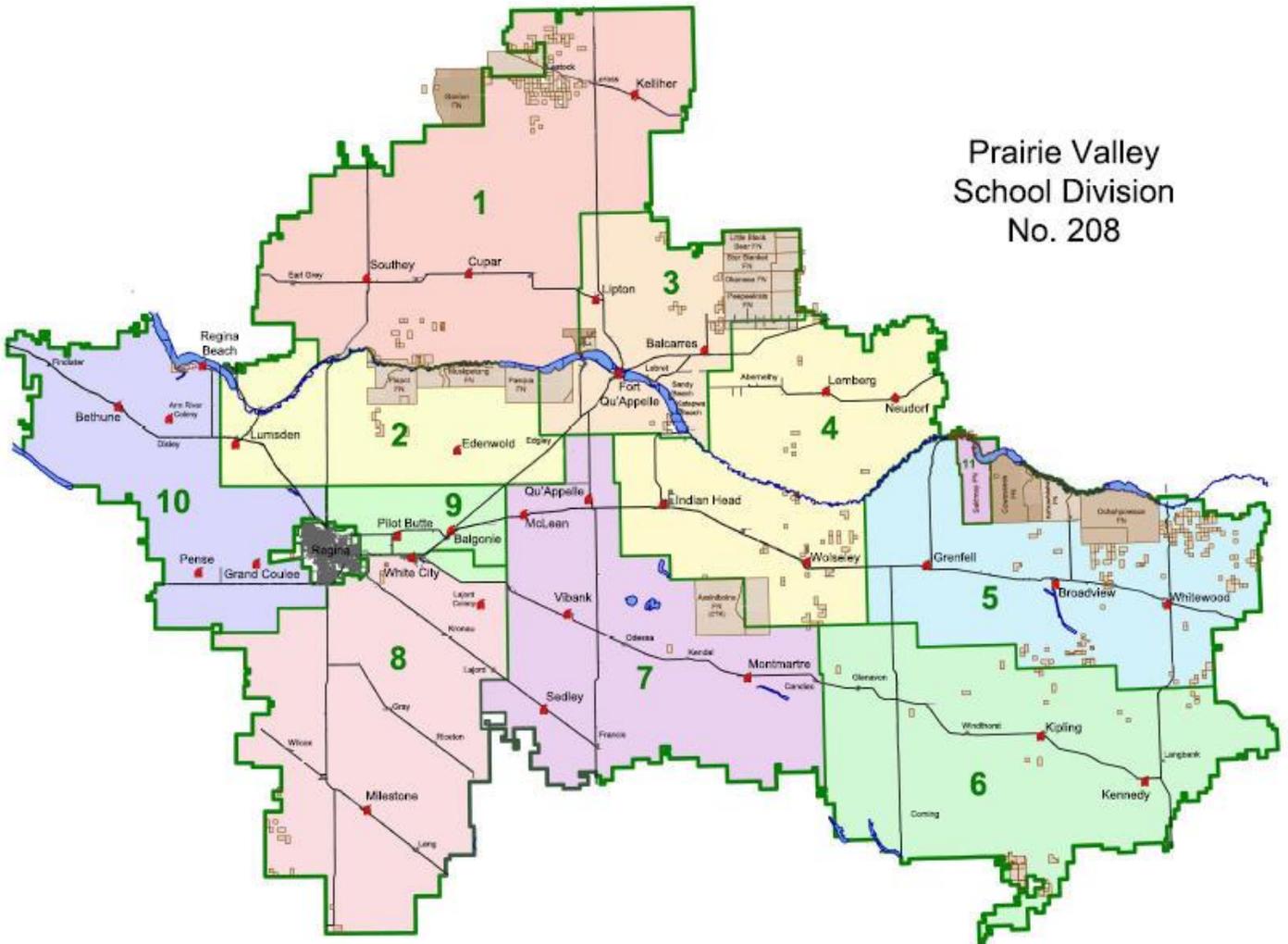
Biographic information about all Board members will be posted to our website at www.pvsvd.ca in early November.

The Prairie Valley Board of Education holds monthly public meetings during the school year. For more information, visit www.pvsvd.ca.

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