



**SUN WEST
SCHOOL DIVISION**

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BOARD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR RE-ELECTED AT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

At its annual organizational meeting, held October 27th, 2015 in Saskatoon, the Sun West School Division Board re-elected the current Chair and Vice-chair for another year.

The Board re-elected Karen Itterman as Board Chair this year. She is the trustee representing Sub-division No. 3 (Biggar and area). Ruth Griffith, representing the Town of Kindersley, was re-elected as Vice-chair. Both the Chair and Vice-chair serve one year terms. As chair, Karen will act as spokesperson for the Board, chair Board meetings, annual meetings and other public meetings. Ruth will stand in for the Chair when Karen is unavailable to fulfill these responsibilities. Karen thanked her fellow trustees for their support and for her re-election. Other trustees also volunteered to sit on various Board Committees and act as representatives for several outside educational organizations for the year. The next regular Sun West Board of Education meeting will be held on November 24, 2015 in Rosetown.

The Director of Education, Dr. Guy G. Tétrault, Trustees, Superintendents of Education and other division office staff planned for the year during a three day seminar. The group heard information from Business Developer/Marketer, Tanya Ringdal who will continue to work throughout the year with school administration and the board in developing a strategic growth plan for the DLC. Current enrolment in the DLC is at 668 full-time equivalent students and is projected to grow as course development and opportunities continue. This growth in programming is geared to meet student learning needs throughout the province.

The Sun West School Division Level 2 Hoshin Kanri matrix has an "Engagement" outcome as one of its priorities. That outcome is aimed at increasing equity of opportunity for all Sun West students no matter what school they attend. Online development is also being used to help fulfil the Board's Policy 18 on infusing 21st Century skills for all students and staff. As the division moves towards a "Blended Learning" model in schools, digitized learning materials in the form of online courses and online resources becomes paramount as does implementing the seven competencies from Policy 18 into student learning. The group heard information from Superintendents of Education, Darren Gasper and Shari Martin about all of the exceptional work that is being done in every Sun West School surrounding blended learning in the classroom. There is an overall positive attitude toward blended learning and the realization of the powerful impact this can have on student learning.

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