

## **Education Class Size and Composition Committee Members**

### **Dr. Shawn Davidson, President, Saskatchewan School Boards Association**

Dr. Shawn Davidson has been a trustee for Subdivision 5 of the Prairie South School Division for more than nine years. He has also served as chair of the Prairie South Board of Education.

In November 2016, Shawn was elected President of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association.

Together with his wife Krista and four children, Shawn operates a 250-head cow-calf ranch and grain-farming operation south of Aneroid, Saskatchewan. Shawn also works part-time as a veterinarian in Assiniboia, Saskatchewan and Scobey, Montana.

### **Dr. Michelle Prytula, Dean of the College of Education, University of Saskatchewan**

Through her role, she prioritizes the support of research grounded and connected to classrooms; the development of responsive programming designed to meet the needs of multiple partners; and collaboration through meaningful reconciliation that paves the way for a stronger, healthier future.

Michelle is a former teacher, vice-principal, and principal in Prekindergarten to Grade 12 schools in Saskatchewan. Along with her role as Dean of the College, she maintains an active role as faculty member in the Department of Educational Administration teaching in the areas of educational finance, leadership and organizational theory. She also continues to supervise masters and PhD students; and through her research and scholarship, she continues to advance understandings of teacher learning, the practicum, learning communities and educational leadership.

### **Brian Lach, parent and retired superintendent, classroom teacher, school administrator and curriculum implementation leader**

Brian Lach recently retired following a 30-year career where he worked in both rural and urban school divisions. During his career, he was involved in the implementation of the Assessment for Learning Initiative, School Community Councils and Education Sector Strategic Planning both at the school and senior administrative levels.

He also worked very closely with special needs students and families through the Integrated Learning Centre classroom for students with physical and cognitive disabilities he had in one of the schools he was principal at. As a superintendent, Brian was responsible for overseeing the operation of the English as an Additional Language program, the Speech and Language Program the overall operation of both elementary and high schools in the school division.

On a personal note, Brian is married to Karen and they have two children Allison, 24, a participant in the SaskAbilities day program, and Megan, 21, a full-time student at the University of Regina. In addition to his work responsibilities, Brian was involved with the Autism Resource Centre Board of Directors for 12 years and the Autism Centre Parent Advisory Committee for eight years. He also participated in the University of Regina Senate as the League of Educational Administrators Directors and Superintendents representative. Brian is currently working at the Autism Resource Centre as the Operations Director.

### **Amy Redding, Community School Co-ordinator, Prairie Valley School Division**

Amy Redding has been an employee of a rural school division for 10 years. During that time, she worked as an Educational Assistant, After School Programmer and currently as a Community School Coordinator at Balcarres Community School.

The opportunities to connect with students, families and communities has allowed her to be an advocate for student needs. She feels privileged to be a part of students' lives through experiences on Gay Straight Alliances, School Community Councils, Green Teams, Indigenous Councils, Student Leadership Teams and Athletics.

### **Rob Currie, Deputy Minister of Education**

Rob Currie is the Deputy Minister of Education for the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education and has been serving in this capacity for 18 months. He has been with the Ministry of Education since 2016.

Starting out as a classroom teacher in Smithers, B.C., he moved to Regina to continue his career within education. Working for 31 years with the Regina Catholic School Division, Rob was a middle years teacher, Vice Principal and Principal in inner city, French Immersion and suburban schools. He eventually moved into the position of Supervisor of Education Services. Rob's last position with the Regina Catholic School Division was as Director of Education, where he served in that position for eight years.

Rob is most proud of his work with the students within his classrooms and schools at which he worked. He is also, from a division perspective, appreciative of the opportunity to work with the school division's senior leadership team addressing unprecedented student enrollment, the resulting learning program enhancements, and the construction of new school facilities.

Rob volunteers his time as a member of the Board of Regents for Campion College at the University of Regina and is a board member of One Life Makes A Difference, which supports at-risk youth in their quest to obtain quality elementary, high school and post-secondary education.

Rob was born in Estevan and raised in Regina. He and his wife Ingrid have been married for 38 years and have three wonderful children. Rob is an avid sports fan having served as VP of Sport for the 2005 Canada Summer Games. In addition, he's been involved as a volunteer, administrator, and an athlete at local, provincial and national levels within the sports of curling, water polo, long distance running and rowing.

### **Thomas Sierzycki, Northern Education Advisor, Ministry of Education**

Thomas Sierzycki currently serves as the Northern Education Advisor for the Ministry of Education. He has been with the ministry since 2016, previously serving as Regional Director (Northern Education Office).

Prior to this, Thomas was the Mayor of La Ronge (2009-2016), worked for Cameco Corporation/Orano as their Community Vitality Coordinator and taught grades 10-12 for the Lac La Ronge Indian Band. Thomas has a B.Ed (University of Regina, 2010) and a Master of Northern Governance and Development (University of Saskatchewan, 2014) and has served on numerous local and provincial committees. He is actively involved in his community including coaching several sports, member of the Elks Club and co-

chair of the Hearth and Stroke 5 km Family Fun Run. Thomas' wife Jodie is a paramedic turned nursing student and they have two active boys, Jozef (4) and Aleksander (2).

### **Angella Pinay, Senior Indigenous Advisor, Ministry of Education**

Angella Pinay is a key member of the ministry's leadership team leading the implementation of a provincial strategy for improving the educational success of First Nations and Métis students in Saskatchewan. She focuses these efforts on involvement of the First Nations and Métis education communities to integrate their perspectives into ministry and sector work, and provides strategic advice and expertise on First Nations and Métis related matters.

Angella, previously worked within the ministry as a superintendent in the Assessment Unit of the Student Achievement and Supports Branch.

Prior to joining the ministry in 2012, she worked in northern Saskatchewan (Beauval Indian Education Centre) and Alberta, (Calgary Public Board of Education, Siksika First Nation High School) and then back to Saskatchewan (Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, Chief Kahkewistahaw Community School).

Angella is from the SheSheep community of the Sakimay First Nations, where she grew up and currently resides. Her daughters Canyon and Darrian are continuing their post-secondary and career journeys in Saskatoon. Angella enjoys being active in many sport and leisure activities, from yoga, golf, bunnock, backcountry hiking and camping, to volleyball.

She has spent many years volunteering and her contributions include: Manager, University of Saskatchewan Women Huskie Volleyball; Team Saskatchewan Coach, North American Indigenous Games; Board Member, Sask Sport Inc.; Board Member, Sask Volleyball; Board Member, Sask Soccer; and Board Member, SaskTel Indigenous Youth Awards.

### **Lynn Harper-Harris, Consultant, Ministry of Education**

Lynn Harper-Harris has been a consultant with the Ministry of Education since November 2016. Prior to that she was an educator for 35 years. After five years teaching in various locations in rural Saskatchewan, she was hired by Regina Public Schools.

During her career, she has pursued many different educational experiences. She has been a classroom teacher for Grades K/1/2, Grade 1, Grades 1/2 Grades 2/3, Grade 4 and Grade 6. Lynn also spent many years as a student support services teacher in various capacities: non-categorical resource room teacher, resource room teacher for students with learning disabilities, teacher for the deaf and hard of hearing, learning resource teacher and reading interventionist.

Near the end of her career in public education, she became a learning leader at the elementary level and an instructional consultant who supported teachers in the classroom from Prekindergarten to Grade 12.

Her credentials include a Bachelor of Education (Education of Exceptional Children) from the University of Saskatchewan, Diploma in Education (Education of the Deaf) from the University of British Columbia and a Master of Education (Educational Psychology and Special Education) from the University of Saskatchewan.

**Dr. Andy Hargreaves, advisor to the Committee**

Andy Hargreaves is a Research Professor at Boston College, Visiting Professor at the University of Ottawa, Distinguished Visiting Professor at Hong Kong University, Professor II at the University of Stavanger, and Honorary Professor at Swansea University.

He is Past President of the International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement, Adviser in Education to the First Minister of Scotland and from 2016-2018 to the Premier of Ontario. Andy is founder of the Atlantic Rim Collaboratory (ARC): a group of nine nations committed to broadly defined excellence, equity, well-being, inclusion, democracy and human rights.

Andy has consulted with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the World Bank, governments, universities and professional associations worldwide. He has given keynote addresses in 50 countries, 47 US states and all Australian states and Canadian provinces.

Andy's more than 30 books have attracted multiple Outstanding Writing Awards. Andy is ranked in the top 20 scholars with most influence on US education policy debate. In 2015, Boston College gave him its Excellence in Teaching with Technology Award. He holds Honorary Doctorates from the Education University of Hong Kong and the University of Uppsala in Sweden.