



ASSOCIATION OF YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

2020 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION QUESTIONNAIRE

In preparation for the upcoming School Council General Election on Monday, October 5th, the Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards and Committees (AYSCBC) has prepared a brief questionnaire for candidates to complete. We would ask that responses be submitted by noon on Thursday, October 1st.

We wish to thank all individuals who have put their name forward for election.

Rachel Rodnunsky

Question #1

Why did you choose to put your name forward for election to school council?

School Council is an excellent way for parents and other members of the community to contribute to the school and the learning environment of the children that attend Del Van Gorder School. As a parent, a former school council member, and an employee of DVG for 6 years I feel I have a lot to contribute to the School Council here in Faro.

Question #2

What particular experiences or skills have prepared you to serve as a school council member?

Three of the six years of my post-secondary education have been in the field of Education. The last program I completed was my Education Assistant Certificate which gave me great insight into child development, the importance of a welcoming and safe learning environment, and how an inclusive school should look like. I have been on School Council previously and have worked at DVG for 6 years in the past. As a parent to a child in high school, I think my voice is important to help facilitate the retention and attendance of our high school students. Having lived in the community for more than 14 years, I contribute to the community in general through the arts society as well as other events. I have been involved in REM by doing workshops and I have also done tutoring after school. I have taken my non-violent crisis intervention training in the past and have also done professional development courses on discipline in a school setting including seminars with Ross Green and other amazing mentors. I am interested in doing the work that needs to be done and not just talking about it.

Question #3

What do you wish to accomplish during your tenure as a school council member, should you be elected? Why and how did you select these priorities?

I am a firm believer that just talking about what needs to be done without action is not what any parent with children in the school wants. I believe that working with the excellent teachers and EAs we have at DVG we can make DVG the school all parents want for their children. I have concerns about the retention of our high school students and discipline methods currently in practice and I hope to bring change to the school in line with modern practices of discipline. School Council needs to work with the staff to use what is effective in the school environment and not just what is easy.