

## Meet your KSD school trustees

### Trevor Yahnke - Ward 1



Trevor was born and raised in The Pas; educated through the Kelsey School Division from K to Grade 12, and graduated in 1993 from Margaret Barbour Collegiate Institute. In high school, he was enrolled in the technical vocational program Power Mechanics taught at Keewatin Community College (now University College of the North), which provided, and still provides, a great opportunity for students to gain knowledge in a valuable trade.

Trevor and his wife Brande have raised four beautiful daughters. The two oldest daughters have graduated from M.B.C.I. and another in 2018. Another child is currently in high school.

Trevor's post-secondary education consisted in obtaining a fire college diploma (industrial firefighting) from the Brandon Fire College.

He is employed at Canadian Kraft Papers Industries (previously Tolko) as a Fiberline Supervisor and has been employed in the Pulp & Paper industry in The Pas since 1995. Since becoming a supervisor in 2006, he has gained valuable knowledge by taking various courses and workshops in communication and effective management techniques.

In 2014, he became interested in becoming more involved with Kelsey School Division. His goal and interests were to learn more about the role of a school trustee and he put forth his name at election time. He was first elected as the trustee representative for the Carrot Valley - Ward 2 and in October, 2018 was elected in Ward 1. Trevor is the chair for the Board's Negotiations and Personnel Committee, and he is a member of two other Board committees: Transportation; Education Liaison.

Trevor noted that "These positions have provided an excellent opportunity for me to gain an understanding of the valuable role a school board trustee plays and the importance of local autonomy. We need community representatives to bring forth local interest in order to advocate for the needs of our schools and their student populations."

Further Trevor notes: "With the financial state of our community, we can only gain strength by re-enforcing our foundation, which is the education of our youth!"