

TRUSTEE BRIANNE GOERTZEN



Member: Program, Policy Review & Personnel

Brianne Goertzen works as the Manitoba Organizer for the Canadian Federation of Students, where she advocates for accessible, affordable and high quality post secondary education on behalf of over 45,000 Manitoba university students.

Elected as an RETSD trustee in a byelection in June 2016, she is thrilled to now be an advocate for the almost 16,000 K-12 students in RETSD as well.

She believes a robust post-secondary education system cannot exist without a strong foundation. And that foundation is built by providing the very best education possible for early, middle and seniors years students.

Brianne holds a Masters of Arts in Sociology and her thesis was focused on public policy. She believes her education and experience can help the division build on what it already has accomplished for the students and residents in the area. She felt it was her civic responsibility to contribute and to give back to the community where she, her husband and young son have made their home.

She is a dedicated community volunteer and advocate, serving on a number of community boards. And she loves working in collaboration with her fellow trustees toward their common goal of an exceptional education system that is not only fiscally responsible but fulfils its responsibility to prepare students for the future.

She holds communication with her residents as a top priority and duty in her capacity as trustee. She believes effective communication with her residents and being responsive to their needs, as they relate to the division, is imperative. The community must be invited to give input, and be kept informed of board decisions.

Integrity, honesty and respect are her guiding principles. She says it is of utmost importance for a person to stand behind their decisions and be able to communicate openly and honestly with their constituents and the employees of RETSD, and to treat people with respect at all times.

Brianne says she wants to make a difference in people's lives and believes being a young woman at the board table is a meaningful and fulfilling way to do that. Indeed, she sees public service as a great and rewarding endeavor.