

## **Board Continuity for the Northwest School Division**

**October 16, 2009**

When nominations for the Northwest School Division Board closed this past week seven incumbents have been elected through acclamation. These include: Marla L'Heureux, the member for Pierceland, Goodsoil and Dorintosh; Brian Gaboury, the member for St. Walburg, Paradise Hill and Frenchman Butte; David Wooff, the member for Turtleford, Livelong and Mervin; Kelly Stuart, the member for Glaslyn, Edam and Vawn; John Anderson, the member for Maidstone, Waseca and Paynton; Bill Cosh, the member for Hillmond, Marshall and Lone Rock; and Faith Graham, the member for Marsden, Neilburg and Lashburn,

Two further subdivisions have also had members elected by acclamation: Jessica Ann Piché will succeed Patrick Derocher as the member for the Flying Dust First Nation, and Barbara Seymour will be replacing Erika Maier as the board member for Meadow Lake Rural / Loon Lake.

The sole areas being contested are in the Meadow Lake subdivisions 9 and 10, where members-at-large, Edna Brander and Doug Murray, are being challenged for a seat by Don Coupland. The poll for this election will be held at the Civic Center in Meadow Lake on October 28<sup>th</sup> for residents of the City of Meadow Lake.

When asked for his thoughts Director of Education, Glen Winkler, noted that “a lot of incumbents are running and that’s very positive: they feel that the job is rewarding and that they have influence over education in the Northwest. It also means that we will have people that know what direction the Northwest School Division is going, and, perhaps, also recognize what needs to be changed. It’s great to work with a knowledgeable Board.”

Commenting on the changes Winkler also said, “We thank Erika and Patrick for their commitment and hard work. We look forward to meeting some new people, we welcome Jessica and Barbara to the board and we wish the other candidates good luck. We also look forward to another three years of delivering excellent service to our students.”