



Media Release

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School District 22 Board of Education Elects New Chair

At the regular Board Meeting of School District 22 held on November 13, 2024, significant changes in leadership were announced. Mark Olsen has stepped down as Board Chair, and Kelli Sullivan was elected as the new Board Chair by acclamation. Additionally, Lori Mindnich was elected as Board Vice Chair by acclamation.

Kelli Sullivan is currently a Research Facilitator with UBC Okanagan, and prior to that was a Community Programs Manager for Archway Society for Domestic Peace. Kelli's two children attended District schools from kindergarten through to grade 12. She has been a Trustee at School District 22 since 2022 and has actively contributed to various committees and initiatives within the School District.

Kelli Sullivan expressed her enthusiasm for her new role, stating, "I am honoured to be elected as Board Chair and look forward to working collaboratively with my fellow trustees, staff, and the community to continue advancing the educational opportunities for our students. Together, we can achieve great things and ensure that every student in our district has the support and resources they need to succeed."

She also extended her gratitude to Mark Olsen for his service and leadership, saying, "I want to thank Mark Olsen for his dedicated service and leadership as Board Chair over the past year. His contributions have been invaluable, and I look forward to building on the strong foundation he has established."

Lori Mindnich, newly elected as Board Vice Chair, brings many years of experience as an elected representative of her community to her new role as Vice Chair. She has been a Trustee at School District 22 for six years, and a Councillor for the Village of Lumby for 16 years. Lori is a Manager at Royal Canadian Legion Branch #167. Lori graduated from Charles Bloom Secondary School, and her two children also graduated from District schools. Lori's three grand children attend JW Inglis Elementary School.

Lori Mindnich shared her excitement about her new role, stating, "I am thrilled to take on the role of Board Vice Chair and to work alongside Kelli Sullivan and the rest of the Board. I am committed to supporting our district's mission and ensuring that we provide the best possible education for our students. I look forward to contributing to the continued success of School District 22."

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