

# Trustee Candidate Questionnaire

Thank you for putting your name forward to do the important work of School Board Trustee. The members of the Nelson and District Teachers Association appreciate you taking the time to complete the following questionnaire.

## **Your Name**

Kathy Krulitsky

## **Area you are seeking election**

City of Nelson

## **What motivates you to become a school board member?**

I have 27 years experience working in schools and district offices. I would like to use all that experience to help make positive change.

## **What is your view of the purpose of public education?**

To provide knowledge & skills so people can reach their potential.

## **How can you and the Board support the recommendations and calls to action of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission?**

Follow the suggestions made by the Aboriginal Department and the Lower Kootenay Band.

## **What are the critical issues facing our local schools right now?**

Funding - Staffing - Resources

## **What role do you see trustees playing in speaking up for public education in BC?**

The trustees can advocate for their school districts with the Ministry of Education.

## **Describe an action, initiated by you, that resulted in a positive change for your community.**

I became a Block Watch captain and Strata President to make a positive change in a community that was lacking any leadership. I volunteered as a CUPE shop steward for 10 years which provided support to co-workers when they needed support and participated in bargaining. It was very rewarding and I hope that as a trustee I can provide support to the learners, families, and staff of SD8 and that it will be a rewarding experience.

**What specific action(s) have you taken in the past to show your support for Kootenay teachers?**

I feel there is a deep need for change and this is why I have decided to take this action of running for trustee so I can make changes. I worked in schools and district departments and understand that teachers and support staff make a big difference for learners.

**The NDTA and KLTF would like to have more regular communication with trustees. How would you improve the connection between trustees and the NDTA? Will you commit to meeting with the NDTA, in order to discuss issues of importance and share information?**

I am open to meetings with both NDTA and KLTF. Also, board meetings can be attended by the public, including staff, and this is a place to speak with the whole board.

**Explain the importance of class size and composition from your perspective.**

Smaller class size and reduced composition will improve achievement.

**How do you plan to ensure that you remain current with what is happening in schools and in classrooms?**

Attend the Pac meetings, keep in touch with school administrators, make myself available.

**If elected, what are your top three priorities?**

Increase funding - increase school staffing - increase resources

**Anything else you would like to share with the members of the NDTA?**

I have worked as a clerk/assistant in schools, Special Education, Superintendents' Department, Continuing Education, Summer Programs. I support teachers and support staff because I think they are the ones that have a direct impact on the learners. As a trustee I would do my best for learners, which is to give them the staff and resources they need. I would have a lot to learn as a new trustee but am up to the challenge.