

# 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**

Sharon Nazaroff

## **Area you are seeking election**

Slocan Valley, Bonnington

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

I am an Early Childhood Educator, committed to Education and bring experience, dedication and strong decision making skills to the board table.

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

Public education is one of the foundational institutions for a healthy democracy.

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

Be willing to commit the time to learn, provide opportunities for others to learn, our students, staff, families and communities. Create policy that supports the calls to action.

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

Inadequate per student funding, workload for teachers, need for adequate mental health support, need for timely student assessment, need for adequate EA's

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

Advocacy through BCSTA to the Ministry.

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

Strong voice at the board table to ensure our Slocan Valley schools remained opened.

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

I was part of the teachers bargaining process for the collective agreement 2021-2022.

**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?**

The Board has committed to have opportunities to meet with teachers as well as our other education partners. Talking Tables was a social opportunity in the past, perhaps we can work towards having similar events.

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

It is extremely important for student success that an appropriate class size and composition is provided. These figures impact how much ability the teacher has to provide all of the children the opportunity to be successful.

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

I will continue to attend PAC and DPAC meetings. Every school and classroom is unique. School learning tours have taken me into each school virtually these last 2 years. It is a great opportunity to remain current.

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

1. Build strong relationships with the new board of trustees, build positive relationships with all staff, students, families and communities. 2. Set direction for the district through the development of the strategic plan. 3. Support staff to move forward with implementing our anti-racism culturally safe policy

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

Teachers take on a great responsibility. Thank you to each and every one of you.