



Election Questionnaire

School Trustee Candidates

1. Please tell us a little bit about yourself personally: Who are you? Why are you running? What values drive you in your aspiration to be a school board trustee?
2. What issues are you passionate about and, in your opinion, what are the greatest issues facing our public school system?
3. Do you support or oppose the inclusion of SOGI (sexual orientation and gender identity) in school anti-bullying policies, school activities, and teaching resources?
4. Should parents be notified when particularly sensitive material (e.g. sexual education or SOGI) is discussed in the classroom? Should parents be allowed to request that their children be absent from a class when such material is being discussed?
5. Should the school board, district, or division notify or obtain consent from parents when a child wishes to use a new name or pronouns at school?
6. Should sexually explicit or descriptive material be available in school libraries? If so, at what grade level (e.g. in elementary schools, middle schools, or high schools)? How would you assist parents who have concerns about such materials being shared at inappropriate ages?
7. Some school boards across Canada have censured board members, school staff, or parents for controversial statements. Do you support freedom of speech, or do you think that it is the responsibility of the board to censor potentially offensive speech at school board meetings?

Cary Moore:

With only 75 words to get it all out was challenging as some of the questions needed a more fulsome response. But here it is.

Please tell us a little bit about yourself personally...

My wife and I have fostered 64 kids over 30+ years, parenting dozens through the public system, including our neurodiverse 15-year-old daughter. I've owned local businesses and spent 20 years in WestJet management. I'm running with Trustees for Change because this board has drifted from the basics and from parents. My values: kids should be kids as long as possible, parents decide for their own children, and taxpayers deserve a board that earns their trust. *(75 words)*

2. What issues are you passionate about and, in your opinion, what are the greatest issues facing our public school system?

Academic excellence, first. Our Grade 4 literacy results sit below the provincial average, and I think basics have slipped down the priority list. Second, parental rights — too many decisions about kids happen



without parents even being told. Third, growth — Chilliwack is one of the fastest-growing districts in BC, and the board needs to plan ahead of that, not behind it. (62 words)

Do you support or oppose the inclusion of SOGI in school anti-bullying policies, school activities, and teaching resources?

Every student deserves to be safe from bullying, for any reason — that's not in question. SOGI 123 is a legislated resource, not mandatory curriculum, and its use is left to each teacher's discretion to weave in as they see fit. That's exactly the problem: parents have no way of knowing in advance when or how it's being used in their own child's classroom. I'd want that same discretion paired with real parental notification, not just hope that it comes up. (75 words)

Should parents be notified when particularly sensitive material is discussed in the classroom, and allowed to request their child be absent?

Yes, on both. Parents are the primary decision-makers for their own kids, and that includes knowing in advance when sensitive material — sex-ed, or SOGI content woven into a lesson — is coming up, not finding out after. Parents should be able to request their child be excused from that specific instruction, without having to justify it. The more nuanced discussion should be around what's actually age-appropriate at each grade level. (71 words)

Should the board notify or obtain consent from parents when a child wishes to use a new name or pronouns at school?

Right now, SD33 policy directs staff not to disclose a student's gender identity to parents without the student's consent. I understand the reasoning, but I don't think the evidence on how often this protects a child versus how often it cuts parents out unnecessarily has been clearly researched or shared publicly. Before changing anything, I'd want the board to actually look at that evidence, openly, rather than assume either side already has the full picture. (75 words)

Should sexually explicit or descriptive material be available in school libraries? At what grade level? How would you assist concerned parents?

No, not in elementary or middle school libraries. At high school, mature literature can have a place, but a specific book should be open to challenge through a clear, public review process, not left to one person's judgment. Parents with concerns deserve a straightforward complaint process that gets a real answer quickly. (52 words)



Do you support freedom of speech, or is it the board's responsibility to censor potentially offensive speech at meetings?

I support freedom of speech. A chair can manage order and decorum, but "controversial" isn't the same as "disorderly," and censoring people for an unpopular view shuts down debate instead of winning it. A board confident in its reasoning should be able to withstand disagreement, not punish it. (48 words)