

Melissa Gerlach

**Elect for
Executive Council
President**



RPSTA/STF Experience, Committee work, and other related experience:

- **Vice-President** (2015-Present), **RPSTA Executive Member** (2010-2012, 2013-2015)
- Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation **Councillor** (2010-present), **STF Professional Learning Advisory Committee** (2 terms, 2018-2022), **STF Local Associations Working Committee** (2019-2021)
- **LINC Chair** (2020-present), **LINC Table Officer** (2015-2019), **Workload Review Committee Chair** (2016-2020), **Workload Review Committee Table** (2020-present), **Calendar Committee** (2021-present), **Internal Policy Committee** (2016-2020), **Elections Committee** (Chief Returning Officer 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017), **Procedural Advisory Committee** (2016-present), **Convention Committee** (2018-2021), **Ad-Hoc Mental Health Committee** (2018-2020), **Technology Committee** (2014-2017), **Ad-Hoc AGM Committee** (2016-2017), **LINC Advisory Committee** (2014)

In bullet form, provide the following information:

Teaching experience:

- 2013-Present – English Language Arts at Winston Knoll Collegiate
- 2012-2013 – Acting Core Leader at Cochrane High School
- 2008-2013 – English Language Arts at Cochrane High School
- 2007-2008 – Subbed/temporary contracts at Balfour Collegiate

Why you are running for the position?

- I strongly believe in being informed, helping to inform others, and contributing to policies that affect teachers. I believe I can do this through advocating for teachers within my Local Association, and through dedicated committee work.
- I am cooperative, respectful, and work collaboratively with others. I believe that teamwork is a process where team members are able to balance each other's strengths.

What issue(s) you hope to tackle, support, or advocate for during your term, if elected?

- I will actively advocate to reduce workload intensification, seek mental health supports and authentic PD opportunities, represent teacher needs at the local bargaining table, and advocate to Senior Administrative staff.