

# Melodie Smith

Councillor



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

- RPSTA Rep (8 years)
- STF Liaison (8 years)
- Social committee (8 years) – Food Bank at Convention, First year Teacher Banquet, Christmas Stockings, Teacher Curling, Teacher/ Family BQ, COVID Mental Health thank you team

## **In bullet form, provide the following information:**

### **Teaching experience:**

- 21 years Special Education classroom teacher (high school, elementary school)
- My years of teaching has taken me on quite the adventure starting in Texas, South Carolina, MB and now SK.

### **Why you are running for the position?**

- I have a very broad and deep experience with public education and the issues confronting educators. I want to use that to improve the learning experiences for our students and our working conditions in the division.

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

- I am concerned about the increasing impact of teacher/student mental health issues in classrooms
- I am concerned by the lack of resources and supports available to respond to the increasingly complex nature of classrooms