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Eight straight—Boyko re-elected as Catholic board chair

Diane Boyko is beginning her eighth term as chair of the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Board of Education after trustees unanimously elected her to the post at the board's organizational meeting on November 2.

"It's humbling that my fellow trustees have put their confidence in me to represent our division as board chair again," said Boyko. "I really feel blessed."

Boyko was first elected as a trustee for Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools in 2003 and re-elected in 2006, 2009 and 2012. She has served as chair since the fall of 2008.

At the meeting Rev. Kevin McGee, vicar general for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon and pastoral associate for Greater Catholic Saskatoon Catholic Schools, conducted a short prayer, reflection and commissioning service. He spoke about servant leadership—putting the needs of others ahead of your own wants and desires.

"It's good to be reminded every now-and-then why we are doing this. Sometimes we get caught up in processes or how we think things should be. But we're elected to serve our constituents—the Catholic community, parents and ultimately our students," Boyko said of the short reflection.

Trustees are beginning the final year of a four-year term. Elections will take place with the Saskatoon municipal elections in October 2016.

Boyko has been co-ordinator of the Sundog Arts and Entertainment Faire since 1995. She co-chaired the 2007 Juno Awards in Saskatoon and was on the host committee for the 2012 Canadian Country Music Awards, also held in Saskatoon. Boyko has served as the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) representative to the University of Saskatchewan Senate and is a mentor with Leadership Saskatoon.

Boyko is on the SSBA's Paul Martin Aboriginal Youth Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee and is a member of her division's māmahokamātowin partnership with the Saskatoon Tribal Council and Central Urban Métis Federation Inc. (CUMFI). She was also a member of the Ministry of Education's Student Achievement and Assessment Advisory Committee.

Boyko belongs to the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of St. George and is a board member of Musée Ukraina Museum in Saskatoon.

With 45 schools and nearly 17,000 students, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools provides Catholic education from pre-kindergarten through Grade 12, rooting students in their faith, helping them grow in knowledge, and encouraging them to reach out and transform the world.

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