

Good morning, please find my responses below

1. I cannot agree to scrap the proposed curriculum as I am only one of 7 votes. I am new to the ward and will need to discuss this with the Teachers and parents of our Ward. From my research it seems that most are in agreement to scrap the proposed curriculum. From my own review I am torn as it seems to really push the learning curve and expand our children's minds. I think we underestimate what our children can learn and the depth at which they understand. However, with that being said, I will do what's best for the overall school district and not my own agenda.
2. I do not believe that the overall funding formula is sufficient. I believe that our taxes that we pay which are directed to either the Public or Catholic school divisions should stay within those systems. I believe that those who want alternative choices should have to pay for those choices. I have a child in the distance learning program and had looked into other options and as such, I expected to pay for those options. While, I understand that some cannot afford private schools or charter schools, then fundraising, grants or scholarships should be made available.
I will work with the other Trustees and present options to the government that will show that the funding formula can be amended. We need to ensure that the money is available for the students and their Teachers. It is not right that Teachers are subsidizing out of their own pockets to make up for supplies that are not offered due to cuts.
3. Privatization has its merits. However, I agree with the statement that it seldom works in our favor. I find that privatization cuts are at the wrong level and has too many upper management vs workers. I will support having services brought back in house.
4. Yes, I will support living wages as well as full time hours and job security. Having this security is good for our schools and the stability of the education system.
5. Yes, I will oppose any cuts to the LAPP. That pension belongs to the Teachers. They have paid into it and I do not agree that the government has their hands in the cookie jar, so to speak.
6. As much as we do not want to have mandates on our children and school staff it seems that that is the world we live in. There have been calls for all vaccinations to be mandated and not just the Covid-19 vaccine. I think it is our duty to protect those who cannot protect themselves.