

Jermiah English responses

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1. Yes, I'm in total agreement for those that feel the curriculum should be scrapped, and should be more of Canadian history with having diverse cultures included. There just seems to be too much negative review of the current draft, and as a trustee we want to make sure the teachers are confident in working a curriculum that best fits our students needs.

2. No, I do not feel the current education funding is sufficient for our district. I will talk with principals, teachers, and staff to see what we lack and where we are lacking funds. I will discuss and bring the needs to the board to which we will start presenting to the province. We will then look at what other districts are being provided, and see if we cannot have the same.

3. Yes, I oppose of the P3's and support bringing back previously privatized services in house. I feel in house decisions can be made quicker, ideas can be expressed easier and would create a more hospitable outcome that again would benefit both students, staff and families.

4. Yes, I 100% agree with this, I believe a comfortable employee is a valuable and productive employee.

5. Yes, I stand by our teachers to make sure they are well represented. Their pension is theirs and no one should be able to touch that except they themselves. As for the right to strike, as long as it's part of their collective agreement, which I believe it is, then they have the right to strike when they feel they need to.

6. As someone who is vaccinated, I feel that the mandated shots should still be left up to the individual. Coming from an industry that introduced a mandated vaccine, it really tore apart the work place relationship and created a division within the company. As teachers, I feel they need to work together and I would hate to see a division amongst them. As for the masks, I believe it should be left up to the individual teachers discretion. They know what works best for them to successfully teach students.