

## **AUPE Questionnaire responses Karna Germsheid**

### **Candidate for Grande Prairie Public School Trustee**

**Q:** Do you agree with calls to scrap the draft curriculum and start over to develop a curriculum that is accurate in capturing Alberta's colonial history, diverse present, and modernized to reflect the world we live in?

**A:** Yes

**Q:** Do you believe the current education funding formula is sufficient for your district? If not, how will you work to convince the province to provide sustainable and adequate funding?

**A:** Regardless of how you look at the budget it is insufficient and indicative of the provincial governments value for public education. As a trustee I will be a strong voice in advocating for increased funding.

**Q:** Will you support your employees and your community by ensuring the school board employs staff with living wages, full-time hours where desired, job security, and collective bargaining rights?

**A:** Absolutely, I would be advocating for living wages in any industry that I am part of.

**Q:** Will you oppose attempts from the provincial government to legislate against school staff including cuts to the Local Authorities Pension Plan, or restrictions on their right to strike?

**A:** I do not know enough about the union to know what challenges you have. Cuts to the pension plan seems offensive. I am sure I would find that to be true though I will not give a definitive answer until I understand the plan. As a trustee I will respect all perspectives and make decisions that are the best for our students, teachers, and families.

**Q:** Do you support measures such as mask mandates, and vaccine mandates for staff to limit and reduce the spread of COVID-19 in your schools?

**A:** I do support the continued public health measures. Due diligence is "the level of judgement, care, prudence, determination, and activity that a person would reasonably be expected to do under particular circumstances." The circumstances are that covid-19 is over-running our health care system. It

is the trustee's responsibility to create policy that ensures the safety of our students, teachers, and staff.

Under the circumstances, masking and cohorting are simple, temporary tools used to mitigate the spread of an infectious disease.

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