

Hello everyone,

My name is Sheri Pawlyshyn, I am the mother of 2 children who attend school in Salmo. I have been an active member of our local PACs since my first child entered school 10 years ago. I have held every executive position on PAC, with 4-5 of those years being the Chair position. I have also been an executive member of several other boards in the community of Salmo over the years. I am familiar with and comfortable chairing meetings and all the entails. I am knowledgeable of the mandate and roles of PAC and DPAC, the resources available to our membership and have the skills needed to support and advocate for the membership. I am well versed in provincial legislation and provincial/district guiding policies and procedures. I also have a working knowledge of fiscal and financial responsibilities.

I have a degree in Social Work and spent 20 years supporting children and families. I also hold certification as an Early Childhood Educator with an Inclusion support specialization.

Given my Board, volunteer, life and employment experience, I am a qualified candidate for DPAC. Other qualities I am proud to possess are those of being honest, upfront and willing to face difficult and challenging situations. I have a schedule that allows me to be available for membership and responsive to their needs. I believe in DPAC's mandate to support and advocate for the voice of parents and students at a district level and feel that there are opportunities for positive change at this time.

My goals for our DPAC are:

- To create meetings that focus on our parents first and foremost and that provide parent education/presentations that are beneficial and directed by the interests/needs of the membership.
- To encourage participation and a place of community for all parents/schools across the district.
- To be directly available to support local PACs and to encourage and support communication between PACs, so each has access to one another's ideas, resources, referrals, and guidance so they can be as productive and effective as possible.

- To ensure DPAC execs and members are familiar with, and follow mandates, constitution and bylaws, and where sections are missing or outdated, to endeavor to update them.
- To support DPAC/PAC execs and memberships in their duties so tasks are completed and our district DPAC/PACs are in good standing, fiscally responsible and transparent to the membership.

Thanks for your consideration

Sheri