

ELECTION STATEMENT

KRISTEN FALLIS

It has been a privilege to work on behalf of members for the past two years as a member at large on the MTS Provincial Executive.

My term began as the pandemic commenced, and significant work has been done to support members through this challenging period. As the pandemic recedes, the health and well-being of our members continues to be a priority. As chair of the DBP Committee, I have spent the past two years closely monitoring how COVID affects the welfare of members. We have yet to see how our physical and mental health will fare in the coming years and we must take care of ourselves and others.

The K-12 Education Review was released a year ago and the draconian Bill 64 followed. We rallied to fight against their horrendous legislation and won, but what will come next? The recommendations from the review and the ideas in Bill 64 still linger so we must be vigilant and prepare for another attack on the public education system.

This government has also chronically underfunded public education for the past six years. Teacher workload continues to increase while supports decrease at an alarming rate. We must raise our voices and continue to advocate for sufficient levels of funding. Our students and members deserve it.

I will advocate for your health and well-being. I am ready to address your concerns and act on behalf of members. I look forward to continuing to work for members and representing you on the Provincial Executive.

BIOGRAPHY

KRISTEN FALLIS

Kristen Fallis has been an educator for 17 years and is currently the vice president of the Winnipeg Teachers' Association and has completed her first term on the MTS Provincial Executive. She has experience at all levels of education as a music specialist and classroom teacher. Kristen holds a Master of Education degree in Social Foundations, with a focus on Indigenous education.



As a member at large for Provincial Executive, Kristen has worked on behalf of members for two years as the chair of Disability Benefits Plan and member of the Disability Benefits Plan Investment Committee. As vice president of the WTA, her portfolio includes chair of the Negotiations Committee, co-chair of the Joint Divisional Workplace Safety & Health Committee, and chair of Public Relations. Kristen has been actively involved in her local for seven years as a table officer, member-at-large, and chair and member of a variety of committees. Before serving as vice president of Winnipeg Teachers' Association, Kristen taught K-9 music in the West End of Winnipeg. She enjoyed bringing music into children's lives and having fun in the classroom.

Kristen began her teaching career in rural Manitoba and spent a year working abroad in England, enjoying the ability to teach and travel. She now takes pleasure in travelling with her family, enjoying performances in Winnipeg's vibrant arts scene, and staying active through running.