

ELECTION STATEMENT

SANDY TURCOTTE

I am very honoured to work in service of members of The Manitoba Teachers' Society. The past two years have been difficult and have shown the public the incredible work that teachers do daily within our schools. Parents have a newfound respect for educators, their versatility, and ability to pivot and adapt to meet the needs of their students. This came at a cost. We will be facing another epidemic of mental health issues facing both teachers and students for years to come.

This will need to be of utmost importance for the Society to mitigate as these issues become more pervasive in the future. I am very passionate about mental health and giving voice to it so that we eliminate stigma that has historically accompanied these issues so we can support and heal.

Slamming the door on Bill 64 showed the power of our influence and voice within our communities. We must continue to do the work of safeguarding the welfare, rights, and professional growth of teachers. No greater is the need for this work than right now with provincial bargaining. As a Provincial Executive member, I will bring an historical perspective to this fight and will use this experience to be mindful of the future as we face continuing diversity and needs as teachers.

I will work diligently on your behalf, to give a voice to your concerns, and to support you as a Manitoba educator, which will provide your students with the best teachers and education.

BIOGRAPHY

SANDY TURCOTTE

Sandy Rodrigues Turcotte has been an educator for 28 years. Presently, Sandy works for the Seine River School Division as the Indigenous Education consultant. She has worked as an educational leader and K-12 teacher in several schools in both urban and rural communities.

Sandy Rodrigues Turcotte holds a Master's degree, Special Education, Brandon University; Post Baccalaureate in Education, Numeracy Enhancement, University of Winnipeg; B.Ed., University of Manitoba. She holds Level I & II Manitoba Administrative Certificates and works in English and French Immersion streams.

Sandy Rodrigues Turcotte is a dedicated mother of her 15-year-old son. She enjoys travelling, music, learning, and creating wonderful food to share with family and friends. She is passionate about wellness both personally and professionally for all educators and youth.



The Manitoba Teachers' Society & Seine River Teachers' Association Involvement:

- Seine River Teachers' Association president, Public Relations chair, Resolutions chair, vice-president and treasurer
- SRTA Collective Bargaining Committee/Table team
- Currently Equity & Social Justice Standing Committee member and regional facilitator
- Provincial Executive member at large
- Professional Development Standing Committee – chair
- MTS 100th Anniversary Planning Committee
- Special Area Groups of Educators Council - chair
- Curriculum and Teaching Standing Committee – chair
- Inter-Organizational Curriculum Advisory Committee
- Disability Benefits Plan Investment Committee
- Professional Code of Conduct Review Committee
- Council of School Leaders – Leadership team, director, delegate
- Canadian Association of Principals board member
- Canadian Association of Principals 2020 Winnipeg Conference Planning Committee
- MAUDEl board of directors