

speaking notes

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Council of School Councils

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Opening remarks

I am honoured to welcome you all to the first Council of School Councils meeting of this school year. I am Judy Hehr, trustee for wards 8 & 9.

I will begin by introducing members of the Board of Trustees. Please stand as I call your name and remain standing. First of all, the chair Joy Bowen-Eyre, trustee for wards 1 & 2. Lynn Ferguson, trustee for wards 3 & 4. Pamela King, trustee for wards 5 & 10. Trina Hurdman, trustee for wards 6 & 7. Amber Stewart, trustee for wards 12 & 14. Unfortunately, Sheila Taylor, trustee wards 11 & 13, was unable to attend.

From senior leadership I am pleased to introduce David Stevenson, Chief Superintendent of Schools, Bill Brunton Chief Communications Officer and Karen Drummond, Communications Advisor.

Tonight's meeting is special. It is a chance for us to let you know how much we value the work of our school councils. You make significant contributions to your school communities and we are very grateful.

A second reason tonight is special is that it provides us with a chance to hear from you. Through the Council of School Councils, you have a voice that reaches beyond your school. These meetings are your chance to represent your school communities to the system. Tonight we encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas. We are here to listen and to support you.

Tonight's meeting will hopefully set the stage for our future meetings. At every meeting, we hope to have time to share information with you, time to hear your ideas and time for you to share with one another. There will also be time for you to connect individually with trustees at the end of the meeting if you have specific questions you'd like to ask.

To begin our work I would like to ask Karen Drummond to come up to review some key items for school councils at the CBE.

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