

Nominations Committee Report

The CPF Alberta Board of Directors plays a major role in networking with other organizations to advocate on behalf of French-second-language learning, in policy development, and hiring the Executive Director and holding that individual accountable for the work of the branch.

Ideally, the provincial board, as with the chapter executive boards, includes individuals with a variety of experience and expertise, representing a broad cross-section of the Alberta French-second-language community. For many years CPF Alberta has operated with a seven-member Board of Directors. Approximately half are elected each year for two-year terms. In 2021, three (3) positions are open for election.

The Nominations Committee is pleased to present to the 2021 Annual General Meeting the following nominees for the Board of Directors, to hold office until the AGM in the fall of 2023:

- Diana BOISVERT of Grande Prairie, Director.
- Patti BONHOMME of Spruce Grove, Director.

The following individual will continue to hold office until the AGM in the fall of 2022:

- Sarah CLARK of Okotoks, Director.
- Emilie JOSH of Calgary, Director.
- Emma PIAYDA of Medicine Hat, Director.
- Erin QUIRING of Airdrie, Director.

Emma PIAYDA is letting her name stand for President this year after serving four (4) years as CPF Alberta's Vice President.

Sarah CLARK and Erin QUIRING are letting their names stand for the position of Vice President. Both Sarah and Erin have been on the CPF Board of Directors for six (6) years.

The short biographies of all of the above candidates are below for your information.

Victoria Wishart will be stepping down off of the board this year after four (4) terms. Our thanks to Victoria for her many years of serving CPF at the chapter and branch levels, as well as being our branch president for the past six (6) years. You will be missed!

No nominations were received by the Board of Directors under the Additional Nominations Procedure by the July 30, 2021 deadline for any open position.

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Diana Boisvert

Diana Boisvert is the French Language Resource Centre Director in Grande Prairie, CASLT National Council Alberta Representative and the Past-President of SLIC (Second Languages and Intercultural Council a specialist council of the ATA). She also directs the Grande Prairie DELF-DALF Exam Centre. Diana has a significant background in the FSL (Core French) classroom, as well as experience in the French Immersion classroom with experience in successfully applying best practices in second language teaching and learning using current resources.

Sarah Clark

Sarah Clark is a principal with Foothills School Division, south of Calgary, in Okotoks. She has 3 children in French Immersion. Her experience as a French as a Second Language teacher, Intensive French Pilot teacher and dual track administrator lends itself to Canadian Parents for French. Sarah earned her Master degree in Education with a specialization in second language teaching. She values her role with Canadian Parents for French.

Emma Piayda

Emma graduated from the first class of French Immersion in Medicine Hat. She went on to complete a Bachelor with a double major (Music Performance and Anthropology), and then attended Law School at the University of Victoria. Craving an adventure, Emma moved to Germany for what was supposed to be 6 months and turned into 4 years. While in Germany, Emma taught ELL and decided that she loved being in a classroom. Upon her return to Canada, she completed a B.Ed. and M. Ed. at the University of Calgary. Emma now works as French Facilitator and ELL Consultant in Medicine Hat.

Emma has a son in junior high French Immersion, another son in elementary French immersion and their daughter is on track to follow her brothers into French immersion as well.

Erin Quiring

Erin lives in Airdrie with her husband and 2 teenage sons. Erin was part of the CPF Airdrie Chapter since its inception in 2012 and held the position of president for the chapter for 2 years before joining the provincial board.

Strong advocacy for all students to have opportunities to learn French is very important. In her role as a grade 4 teacher with RockyView Schools, Erin can share her passion and enthusiasm of the language with her students in French as a Second Language(FSL).

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