**Columbia School Community Council**

**Board Chair Report**

**Annual General Meeting**

**November 9, 2021**

Throughout the last year our SCC Representative Members have been, Rhonda Berard, Tania Meadows, Lana Larson, Chantel Ruf, Cosmin Coltea and Sarah Zarazun. We thank Comin Coltea for his contributions as he has resigned in June following a move away from the community. We have been supported by Bryce Krawetz-Principal, Jason Gordon-Vice Principal, and Alana Patzwald-Teacher, as Permanent Members of the council. All members of the board remain committed to supporting and building on the already fantastic achievements of Columbia School.

As I reflect on the last year it has continued to be a period of change that challenges us to be flexible in our previous objectives and our plans moving forward. We had put on hold a major objective of the SCC to address funding and planning for playground improvements. We look forward to revisiting this objective very soon. As well we were unable to become more “visible” within Columbia School. We had hoped to engage parents in person to promote the SCC and gain momentum to increase a diverse membership. This remains on hold due to current COVID-19 restrictions.

Although we were not able to follow through on some previously set objectives we were able to continue to do some fundraising and were successful in securing $10,000 from the Yorkton Kinsmen Club to go towards the playground improvements. We also fulfilled our commitment to complete an intensive update of the Columbia School Community Council Constitution. We supported Columbia School’s One school - One book initiative, participated in the Orange shirt campaign in observance of Reconciliation, assisted in bringing SchoolStart as an option when purchasing school supplies and we represented Columbia School SCC at a virtual National Congress on Rural Education in Canada Most recently we have begun to implement an SCC internal reflective process that allows for challenges and strengths in the work of the SCC to be detected quickly allowing for solution focused conversation and enhanced strength building.

Moving forward we will continue our work on playground improvements. We will strive to offer support to the educators and students at Columbia school as we respond to emerging needs. We remain dedicated to continuous improvement as we work to establish a stronger connection with all Columbia School parents in attempt to further increase and diversify the SCC membership.

As a parent and the Columbia School Community Council Chair, I would like to finish by offering a word of appreciation to everyone involved in the SCC this year. Your commitment and willingness to contribute has been an incredible demonstration of support to Columbia School.

Columbia School Board Chair

Rhonda Berard