

ADVISORY PANEL – BACKGROUNDER

Advisory Panel Members

Ray Morrison is a long-time public servant and the current Board Chair for Saskatoon Public School Division. He was first elected in 2003 and has served as Chair since 2006. Morrison retired from SaskTel as Director of Strategic Planning in March 2014, following a career that spanned almost 37 years. He also serves as a member of the Board of Directors for READ Saskatoon and a current member of the Board of Directors for the Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation.

Duane Favel is an active member of his northern community and current Chair of the Ile à la Crosse Board of Education and has served in this position since 2006. Favel is also the Mayor of the Village of Île à la Crosse and a former member of the New North Board. He is also the Chair of the Aboriginal Council of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association and the Chair of the Saskatchewan Aboriginal Youth Entrepreneurship Program. Favel is Métis and fluent in Michif.

Janet Foord is a business owner and active member of the education community. She served on the South East Cornerstone Board of Education from 2005-2016. She is also a Past-President of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association and a Past-President of the Canadian School Boards Association. Foord owns and operates JF Designs Inc. and is the business manager for Foord Trucking Ltd. in Estevan.

Ben Grebinski is a long time educator who has been the Director of Education for Prairie Valley School Division since 2008. Prior to that, he spent more than three decades of service with the Regina Catholic School Division, as a classroom teacher, school-based administrator and superintendent. Grebinski is also a former member of the University of Regina Board of Governors and Past-President of the League of Educational Administrators, Directors and Superintendents. He served as a sessional lecturer for the University of Regina in the past, and is currently serving as a guest lecturer in the graduate studies program as well as for Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy. Grebinski's administrative focus has been on organizational design for sustained continuous improvement. He has provided keynote and special presentations to numerous audiences in Canada as well as the United States. Grebinski was also recognized as IT Executive of the Year by Computing Canada for his progressive approaches regarding technology in the education sector and was awarded the Crown Achievement Award by the University of Regina for professional contributions.

Doug Moen is an Executive-in-Residence at the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy. He is a career public servant who served as Deputy Minister to the Premier from 2009 to June of this year. A lawyer by training, he also served as Deputy Minister of Justice from 2002 to 2009.

Leanne White has been involved in education for over three decades. She taught for 24 years, spending the last nine as a school administrator. During this time she was involved in numerous committees and initiatives at the system, local and provincial level. Leanne served her colleagues as a local association leader for several years, culminating in several terms as President. She was a member of the Local Transition Committee during the school division restructuring of 2006 and supported the amalgamation of five school divisions. She joined the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation Senior Administrative Staff in 2009. Within this role Leanne provides strategic leadership and support for a variety of projects and initiatives; she advises and supports teachers, school staffs and local associations; she is a champion of effective governance; and is a strong advocate for the teaching profession at a variety of tables within the education sector.