

SUSAN WADDELL

Yellowknife Catholic Schools
2026 Trustee Candidate Profile



Biography:

I have lived in YK since 2001. My husband and I have three children who attended Yellowknife Catholic schools, Weledeh and St Pat's. I am a member of St. Patrick Co-Cathedral and have participated in many areas of parish life including as the YCS representative on the Parish Pastoral Council.

Question 1: Why are you running for trustee?

I am running for re-election because I believe in the importance of Catholic education and choice for parents.

Question 2: What is the biggest challenge facing Yellowknife Catholic Schools, and how would you address it?

The biggest challenge at this time is adequate funding for all students, especially those who need additional supports, and assistance for teachers in the classroom. Allocating current funding and advocacy for future funding is an important issue for trustees.

Question 3: How will you support both student success and Catholic education?

To support student success we need to continue to fund programs that allow UCS students to contribute to the community and be capable people. I continue to support Catholic education by sitting as a director on the Alberta Catholic School Trustee Association and bringing back ideas on how to foster faith within our district.

Question 4: What experience or perspective makes you the best candidate for the role?

I feel I am a good candidate because of my experience as a trustee over the last seven years. I work collaboratively with the other board members to ensure our faith stays at the forefront and we have continued student success.