

TINA SCHAUERTE

Yellowknife Catholic Schools
2026 Trustee Candidate Profile



Biography:

My name is Tina Schauerte, and I am seeking a fifth term as a Yellowknife Catholic School Trustee. A little about myself: I have been married to my husband, Gary, for 25 years, and together we have two amazing children, Katie and Matthew, who both grew up in the Yellowknife Catholic Schools system. Professionally, I work for CFMWS, an organization that provides morale and welfare services to military members and their families. In my spare time, I enjoy running and teaching dance fitness at Bella Dance Academy. Over the past 11 years, I have been honoured to serve our schools, students, parents, and the broader YCS community. Providing Catholic education is an important responsibility, and if re-elected, I look forward to continuing to work alongside YCS administration, staff, and my fellow trustees to ensure our students receive the high-quality education they deserve. As a lifelong Yellowknifer and a graduate of Yellowknife Catholic Schools, I have experienced firsthand the strength of our education system, and I am proud that my own children have benefited from the same strong foundation. Our schools provide an exceptional balance of academic excellence, faith, culture, athletics, and extracurricular opportunities that prepare students for success both in school and beyond graduation. I believe our Catholic schools play a vital role in developing compassionate, capable, and community-minded young people while promoting the values of faith, hope, and love. These values help shape not only successful students but also caring citizens who contribute positively to our community. I remain committed to advocating for students, supporting staff, and ensuring that Yellowknife Catholic Schools continues to be the school district of choice for families. It would be an honour to continue serving our community as your trustee for a fifth term.

Question 1: Why are you running for trustee?

I'm running for a fifth term because I truly care about our schools and the families they serve. Over the past 11 years, I've had the privilege of working alongside dedicated educators, staff, and fellow trustees to support students in our community. I've also been a parent with children

in Yellowknife Catholic Schools, so I understand how important it is for families to have confidence in their schools. I still have the same passion for public service that I had when I was first elected, and I would be honoured to continue giving back to a school system that has meant so much to my family.

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

One of the biggest challenges is making sure every student gets the support they need to succeed. Our classrooms are becoming more diverse, and students come with a wide range of strengths, needs, and experiences. As a trustee, I believe it's important to listen to parents, support our teachers and staff, and advocate for the resources our schools need. Every child deserves the opportunity to thrive, and I will continue working to ensure our schools remain welcoming, supportive, and responsive to student needs.

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

Student success and Catholic education go hand in hand. I will continue supporting strong academic programs while ensuring that faith, compassion, respect, and service remain at the centre of everything we do. Our schools prepare students not only for graduation and future careers but also to become caring and responsible members of society. As a trustee, I will support initiatives that strengthen learning outcomes while preserving and promoting the Catholic values that make our schools unique.

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

I bring a perspective that combines experience, community connection, and a long-term commitment to education. I grew up in Yellowknife and attended St Patrick School from grade 1-12 before going on to university, and my own children, who attended Yellowknife Catholic Schools, have also gone on to be successful in their educational and career pursuits. Having served as a trustee for 11 years, I understand how boards operate, how educational decisions are made, and the importance of balancing the needs of students with responsible governance. I believe that experience allows me to continue serving our community effectively while always keeping students at the centre of every decision.