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<p>Education is the cornerstone of development for children and young adults, and Canadians are extremely lucky to have the education system we currently have. As a young adult, I had the opportunity to travel to Ghana, West Africa as a volunteer and teach at the Primary 3 level. This experience alone made me thankful for receiving my education in Ontario. It also made me realize that, while I love education, being a teacher for children was not going to be my career path.</p> <p>That hasn't stopped me from focusing my career on learning and development. I spent 2 years as a Trainer/Facilitator with a major telecommunications company. In this role, I assisted on the development of training materials with company executives.</p> <p>I have been in the Public Service of Canada for over 10 years, spending the totality of my career with Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC - formerly Public Works and Government Services Canada), and have spent a lot of that time focusing on promoting the success of others. No matter my role, I have always been approached as a mentor for others, guiding their successes. One of my most proud moments is receiving the Ontario Region Laurel Award for diversity, as I received the award for facilitating the Positive Space program. Positive Space is a program that educates employees on the struggles and realities of LGBT2Q+ people, and provides resources for them to become Positive Space Champions. This means that you are providing a safe space for any employee who may wish to discuss LGBT2Q+ issues with you.</p> <p>In the public service, I held the role of Chair of Vanguard: PSPC's Young Professionals Network. In this role, I created and facilitated learning opportunities for employees looking to further develop their skills.</p> <p>As a single parent to 2 young children (6 & 9), my involvement within the school had been limited until about a year ago. I began attending School council meetings at Devonshire Community Public School, and assisted in small fundraising efforts.</p> <p>Beginning this school year, I was elected Co-Chair of the school council. In this role, I have implemented fundraising activities, promotion of various parent-led activities, and I lead the monthly meetings. My personal focus this year is on bringing more indigenous activities into the school. This is something I am very passionate about, and it continues to be a focus not only my work with the school council, but also my day job.</p> <p>I am incredibly passionate about furthering the education of young minds, and I know that my passion as well as my drive for success will play an integral role in my success as a school trustee.</p>	