



ANNOUNCEMENT



Selena Mell Named Superintendent of Kelsey School Division

The Board of Trustees of Kelsey School Division is pleased to announce the appointment of Selena Mell as the 2020-21 term Superintendent of the Kelsey School Division. The appointment was made by the Board at its May 11 board meeting and is the result of the pending retirement of the current Superintendent Julia McKay in July. In January the Manitoba Government mandated a hold on all new senior administration hiring in Manitoba, but on May 1, 2020 finally allowed KSD to proceed with finding a replacement .

“Selena comes to KSD with an extensive variety of experiences and training, in Canada and internationally,” noted Board Chair Vaughn Wadelius. “The Board was impressed with her passion for education, her experience at all age levels of various education systems, and her leadership and professional development skills.”

Mell is originally from Quebec and has completed her Bachelor of Arts (NB), Bachelor of Education (NB), Master of Education (USA) and all courses toward her Doctorate in Education (BC). She is bilingual (English/French) and holds certification in Special Education. She worked with a French Immersion program in Quesnel, British Columbia and also served on various FI governing and advisory boards.

In addition to her previous Canadian school administration roles, internationally Mell’s experience included being an educator and K-12 leadership coach in the United Arab Emirates, Senior Leadership and Deputy Head (Academics) in an elite British/Chilean Pre K-12 school in Chile, Head of an English/German primary school and Education Director (N-12) in Berlin, Germany. Her most recent position was as principal of an English/Mandarin Secondary School (Grades 10-12) in Qingdao, China.

Mell believes that “strong leadership is integral to a school’s success and is second only to classroom instruction as an influence on student learning.” She stated that her leadership style is one of inclusion, with involved decision-making and participation in problem solving, while ensuring teachers and principals are treated as valuable professionals. She also advocates student engagement and support, connections to the community, and encouraging the personal growth and academic success of students

Mell will assume the Superintendent position on August 2, 2020.