

## Voting Period: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 - Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Voting information for all COSL Members by on-line ballot. Voting link will be emailed to you.

*Three (3) candidates have been nominated for two (2) available positions on the COSL Leadership Team.*

# LEADERSHIP TEAM ELECTION 2019



**CHRIS HICKS**

Premièrement, voici ce qui est très important au sujet de ma vie: Je suis l'heureux mari de Mireille, une enseignante à la DSFM et le fier père de deux fils actifs, Samuel et Sébastien.

I consider it an honour to serve in the teaching profession. As a teenager I was coaching teams in baseball and basketball and organizing lunch hour activity clubs. During university I was a tutor, worked in a daycare, and was a casual substitute teacher in a local school. In the spring of my second year of teaching, I was elected president of my local teachers' association. Two years later I was elected to the MTS Provincial Executive, a position I held for three years. I joined COSL the year after it was constituted and have been a director in three different school divisions. In 2007 I was appointed to the CAP Committee to organize the 2009 CAP conference in Winnipeg. I have been the chairperson of my local COSL leadership group and am currently Chair of the South Central Leadership Project. I have a Master's Degree in Educational Administration and I am presently a PhD candidate in Ed. Admin at the University of Manitoba. I have been in my position as Principal of École Elmwood School (K-3 Dual Track) since 2009.

I value very deeply the mandate of COSL and strive to represent as actively as possible the necessary relationships among the school leader, students, families, and communities. I believe that as colleagues, school leaders need to collaborate and exchange ideas and concerns as much as possible. It will be my primary duty to encourage that as a member of the COSL Leadership Team.



**MANUEL SILVA**

Principal, École George V School, Winnipeg School Division

I have been an educator in the Winnipeg School Division since 1990 and started my career in the French Immersion Program. My experiences include being a classroom teacher, a resource teacher/SERT, a Division assessment support teacher and a Division numeracy support teacher. I also had many opportunities to provide professional development sessions in the area of numeracy in our Division as well as to other school Divisions in Manitoba. These experiences allowed me to develop my leadership skills before becoming a vice principal in 2008. I have been a principal at École George V School since 2012.

As a principal, I am a member of the Winnipeg School Division recruitment team and have worked in collaboration with colleagues on numerous other Division committees such as, Assessment, Early Childhood Education, and Curriculum Implementation. I have been an alternate for the COSL Directors in our Division for two years and this year was elected a COSL Director. I have learned a lot from actively participating in COSL and would welcome the opportunity to support COSL as a member of the Leadership Team.



**SHERI HANEY**

As a principal in a small rural school, the challenges and rewards of leading, teaching, and building relationships with others have been the highlight in my career. When not in the classroom or office, participating in various professional development sessions has given me the ability to gather new ideas for my colleagues and school teams. I feel that having relevant and worthwhile programs to create the best learning experiences for students and teachers alike is of utmost importance in today's education system.

My involvement with leadership began in 2009 when I accepted my first principal position. Since stepping into the principal role, I have embraced the expectation to lead and guide others. I have a strong belief that one's potential and confidence for learning is fostered by creating a culture that is inviting, positive, and respectful. For the last three years I have been a part of the COSL Leadership Team. Prior to this, I was the Southwest Regional Director for COSL. It has been a great learning experience where I have brought forth the voice of principals and vice principals in our province. Working in this capacity has given me the opportunity to become more involved and eager to make a difference for all in education.

If given the opportunity to remain on the COSL Leadership Team, I will strive to be the best representative for your voice – the voice of the principal teachers. Thank you for your support.