## Tracy Vanstone COSL Director for South Central

For the last 23 years, I have served as an educator in the Portage la Prairie School Division with the last ten years as school principal in both École Crescentview School and La Verendrye School. My classroom experience has been as a teacher and guidance counsellor in both French Immersion and English. My post-secondary experience involved instructing for Brandon University's Faculty of Education in the BUNTEP program.

In addition to teaching and being a school leader, my experience includes: COSL Director for South Central, Collective Bargaining Principal Representative for PLPSD, Professional Development Chair for PLPSD, Presenter for MTS Fab Five, Chair of the PLPSD Principals' Council, Registered Director for Rainbows Canada and Board Member of Canadian Parents' for French Portage.

I am the mother of three children and a proud owner of Port-land Farms with my husband Darryl. I believe in giving back to the community by volunteering on several boards and coaching basketball.

The last three years have presented the biggest challenges for me as a leader. Losing my vice principal to cancer and having our school dispersed into four buildings, as a result of Covid-19, has tested every ounce of my leadership abilities. These years have taught me the value of shared leadership, concise communication and the importance of putting children at the heart of every decision.