

### **JONATHAN BARRY:**

Jon is a partner and the National Client Services Leader for MNP's Technology Solutions. He has always been an active community member and is currently Chair of the Sweet Caroline Foundation and a Board member with Food Allergy Canada; both charities focus on anaphylaxis education and awareness.

Jon lives in Rothesay with his wife and four children who have attended Kennebecasis Park Elementary, Rothesay Park School and Rothesay High School. He strongly believes that education is the single most important thing we do as a collective community, and that it represents the most significant influence we can have on our Province's future. As well, he feels that we are on the cusp of a transformational opportunity to improve our children's classroom education with the help of innovation and technology to support our teachers.

### **DAVID CONNELL:**

David is a KVHS graduate. He is a volunteer at the Heart & Stroke Foundation, Canadian Cancer Society, Cycling Without Age (Loch Lomond Villa), PALS Lunch Delivery with JDI. David resides in Forest Hills with wife of 19 years, Kim and daughter Jocelyn who is 13 years old. He is currently a coach for Simonds Girls soccer and has been for the past 6 years and going strong.

### **HEATHER GILLIS:**

Heather Gillis is serving her second term on the DEC. She was first elected in 2016. She became involved with the DEC because she has a passion for inclusive education and believes when all parties in education have their needs met, we will be on the road to success. Heather has been married to husband, Chris, for 21 years and they have 3 children: David 17, Rebecca 13 and Alexander 10. She works as the Executive Director at a non-profit, parent-run preschool, the West Side Co-Op Preschool. She looks after all the fundraising initiatives at Java Moose Coffee Roasters. For fun, she coaches U14 girls' volleyball with the Timberwolves Volleyball Club, Varsity Girls' Volleyball at Bayside Middle School and she has just accepted a position on the board of the Brown Bag lunch program.

### **AMANDA HAMM:**

Amanda has had several community leadership roles:

- River Valley Community Centre Board Member
- River Valley Basketball Association Board Member
- Port City Pirates Baseball Association Board Member
- Workers for Wishes Board Member
- Saint John District Youth Hockey Association – Grand Bay - Westfield Community Manager
- Outgoing Inglewood Parent School Support Committee Chair
- Outgoing Grand Bay Home and School Treasurer
- Outgoing Grand Bay - Westfield School Facilities Improvement Task Force Chair
- Past Grand Bay Primary Parent School Support Committee Chair
- Past Telecom Pioneers of Canada - New Brunswick Chapter Vice President
- Past Bell Aliant Pioneer Volunteers Saint John Council President

She has had a successful 20 year career with Bell Canada and is currently a member of the management team in Bell's Network Division. She has been a resident of Grand Bay - Westfield since 2004, resides with her husband Jeremy and two children; Brody & Lily. Amanda believes children are our future and that every child in our school district should have the opportunity to love school and be successful on their educational journey.

### **AMANDA HENDERSON-MATTHEWS**

Amanda lives on Campobello Island, in sub-district 12 (Campobello, Deer Island, Grand Manan and White Head Islands.) She is the mother of two children, her son is a grade 12 student and her daughter a grade 6 student, both at Campobello Island Consolidated School. Amanda has been a PSSC member at CICS for two years and jumped at the chance to join District Education Council. She is looking forward to learning and contributing over the next four years.

### **RICHARD MALONE**

Richard Malone is serving his second term on DEC as the representative for sub-district 10. Richard is the Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Hampton. He has over 30 years of

experience in municipal government and has held his current role as CAO since 2007. He lives in Hampton with his wife Rosemary and two daughters, Allie and Kate. Richard has served on various boards and committees throughout his career and currently serves as a Municipal Director of Envision Saint John: The Regional Growth Agency and as a Board member of the NB Municipal Employees Pension Plan.

**SHELLY MERRILL-MACKILLOP:**

Shelly lives in St. George with her husband and son and she has a one-year-old grandson. She has worked the last 10 years with NBCC and her current position is Academic Technology Specialist. Two years ago she completed her Masters in Education specializing in exceptional Learners. Shelly joined the DEC in spring 2021 to fill a vacancy in her area.

**KRISTEN MURPHY:**

Kristen is a life-long west sider and is entering her second term as the DEC representative for sub-district 4. She is a registered social worker and former lawyer who works in child protection and she brings this lens to her work on the DEC. She has a strong belief that education is a basic right that all children hold and it is the responsibility of the system to be flexible and inclusive to ensure those rights can be exercised. Kristen is married to a teacher and together they have two school-aged boys.

**ROGER NESBIT:**

Roger spent 34 years as a teacher and principal in the public schools of NB. The last 23 years were spent in the Kennebecasis Valley. Since 2008 he has been on DEC in former District 6 (Rothesay) and was DEC Chair prior to amalgamation. This is his 3<sup>rd</sup> term on ASD-S DEC. Roger lives with his wife in Quispamsis.

**WAYNE SPIRES**

Wayne has taught in New Brunswick schools for 32 years from 1968 until 2000, in schools in Stanley, Burt's Corner, St. Stephen and Pennfield. He taught in elementary, junior high, and high schools, French as a Second Language, Science, Language Arts, and Physical Education. While

teaching, he coached basketball, track and field, soccer and was involved with drama. Wayne is married to Beverley, his wife and best friend for 45 years with three adult children, Rev. Tami Spires, Miss Tina Spires and Mrs. Sarah Rankin.

Wayne has been an active member of the St. Croix Branch # 09 of the Royal Canadian Legion for 25 years serving as President twice and Chaplain for seven years, as well as the St. Croix Presbytery of the United Church of Canada as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader for fifteen years serving rural United Churches of Canada throughout Charlotte County. Wayne has served for 20 years on the District Education Council of Anglophone South School District, serving as the representative for sub-district 1 which includes schools in Lawrence Station, St. Andrews and St. Stephen.

### **BETH MCQUINN NIXON**

Beth grew up in the Sussex area and graduated with a BBA from the University of New Brunswick Fredericton. After spending 7 years in Alberta, she returned home to New Brunswick to raise her 4 children. Three are now through the school system and attending University with her youngest still at home attending High School. After furthering her accounting education at Athabasca University, she opened an accounting and bookkeeping practice in Sussex which has steadily grown. Her varied past careers, and her management of a farm and woodlot has led to her having a varied skillset.

Beth is a committed community volunteer who has served on local, provincial, and national boards in various non-profit organizations. She has a particular passion for issues involving social justice. Prior to letting her name stand for DEC she spent many years involved with the PSSC's at Sussex Middle School, and Sussex Regional High School and would often volunteer time at activities that involved her children.