

## **2025 Election Candidate Biography – Cortney Lunde**

### **Vision and goals/platform**

As someone new to this, I know there will be a lot to learn, but my main goal is clear: to support students, parents/guardians, and teachers. I believe schools should always be safe, welcoming spaces where students can thrive and teachers feel supported in the important work they do.

### **Education, career and/or experience**

I have been a school bus driver for 13 years and have truly loved every moment of it (poor weather excluded). I also worked as an educational assistant for two years, focusing on speech therapy. Both roles have given me the opportunity to get to know so many amazing students, families, and staff. It's because of those connections and experiences that I've made the tough but exciting decision to shift careers and pursue a role as trustee.

### **Biography**

I was raised on a mixed farm outside the small town of Amisk in central east Alberta — if you blink, you might miss it. Over the years, I've held a few different jobs before starting my career as a school bus driver, something I never expected to do but quickly grew to love. While there can be stressful moments, the relationships with students and their families make it more than worthwhile.

I have two wonderful children — my daughter is now out in the workforce, and my son is in his final year of high school. Driving school bus while they were in school was amazing, it allowed me to cheer them on at games (whether they wanted me to or not!), join them on year-end trips, and stay involved in their school lives.

Outside of work, I'm absolutely hooked on crochet and may spend more time on projects than I should. I also enjoy reading, scary movies, and caring for my many animals — two dogs and four cats. Though I've lived in many different places, I've never felt more at home than here.

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