



Park West School Division

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2026 School Board Election

CANDIDATES' GUIDE

Candidates' Guide

School Trustee elections in Park West School Division occur every four years. The next general School Trustee Election will be held on **Wednesday, October 28, 2026**.

This guide provides essential information for candidates seeking election as a School Trustee for Park West School Division. Candidates are responsible for complying with the statutory provisions of *The Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Act*.

For more information on School Boards and Trustees, contact the Manitoba School Boards Association at 204-233-1595.

Important Dates

- **Candidate Registration Opens:** Tuesday, June 30, 2026
- **Nomination Period:** Wednesday, September 16, 2026 to Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
- **Filing Location:** Park West School Division Office, 1126 St. Clare Street, Birtle, MB.
- **Election Day:** Wednesday, October 28, 2026

For more information, please contact,
Danielle McKinnon,
Senior Election Official
Email: dmckinnon@pwsd.ca
Phone: 204-842-2102

Candidate Information

Candidate Eligibility

A person can run for School Trustee if they:

- Are a Canadian citizen
- Are 18 years or older on Election Day (October 28, 2026)
- Have resided in Park West School Division since April 28, 2026
- Are not disqualified by law

Note: You do not need to live in the specific ward where you are running but must reside in the School Division.

Who is not eligible to seek nomination:

- Members of the Legislative Assembly, Senate, or House of Commons
- Pupils in regular attendance at a school within the division
- Employees of the same School Division (unless on a leave of absence)

Campaign Guidelines

- There is no regulated campaign period for School Trustee elections.
- Campaign expenses and contributions are not legislatively regulated, and candidates are not required to submit financial statements.
- Contributions are not tax-deductible.

Nomination Paper

Nomination papers will be available on our website at www.pwsd.ca/2026-election. Your nomination paper must include:

- Candidate's name, residential address, telephone number, and office they are seeking to be nominated.
- A sworn statement confirming eligibility, and that to the best of your knowledge the information is true and correct.

Candidates seeking election as a School Trustee must obtain a minimum of **25 signatures** on their Nomination Paper of voters whose names appear on the Park West School Division's Voters List for the ward in which they are seeking election.

Names will be subject to verification on the Voters List. Candidates should **obtain extra names** to ensure that the minimum number of voters is met. The names of voters signing a candidate's Nomination Paper will be verified when the candidate files their Nomination Paper.

Nomination papers can be filed at the Park West School Division Office **8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday between September 16 and September 22, 2026.**

Withdrawal of Nomination

Any candidate may withdraw their nomination **only** if a nominated candidate remains to fill the office to be elected. The withdrawal must be in writing and submitted to the Senior Election Official by 4:00 pm on **Tuesday, September 22, 2026**.

Acclamation

Where only the required number of candidates is nominated, the Senior Election Official will declare the candidate(s) elected by acclamation at the end of the withdrawal deadline, **4:00 pm, Tuesday, September 22, 2026**.

Candidates Name on Ballots

Candidates name will appear on the ballot exactly as it is written on the Nomination Paper (in the Acceptance by Candidate Section), and in accordance with the following format:

- Ballots are printed candidates' legal first name, followed by the SURNAME (in uppercase letters)
- Middle names are not allowed.

Candidates names on the voting ballots will be determined by a draw which will take place at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, September 23, 2026.

Voter Information

Voter Eligibility

A person can vote if they:

- A Canadian citizen
- 18 years or older on Election Day (October 28, 2026)
- Have resided in Park West School Division since April 28, 2026
- Are not disqualified by law

Adding Names to the Voters List

If your name is missing from the list, contact the Division Office at 204-842-2102 or email dmckinnon@pwsd.ca. You can still vote if eligible by showing a valid ID and completing an affidavit on Election Day.

Personal Security Protection

You may request to have your name omitted from the Voters List for security reasons by submitting a written application to the Senior Election Official.

How to Vote

- In-person on October 28, 2026, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at your designated location
- Advance Voting at advertised locations.
- Sealed Envelope Ballot by mail for those unable to vote in person.

Details about locations of polling stations will be posted on the Park West School Division website.

Proof of Identity

All voters must provide proof of name and current address at voting places. Acceptable documents include:

- A government-issued ID (such as a Driver's License), or
- Two other documents that confirm your name and address.

Sealed Envelope Ballot

Eligible voters unable to attend in person can apply for a Sealed Envelope Ballot by contacting the Division Office.

Scrutineers

Candidates can appoint scrutineers to observe election proceedings. A scrutineer must be at least 18 years old, have a signed Scrutineer Appointment Form, and take an oath. Scrutineers must follow the voting regulations and cannot disrupt voting in any way. Failure to comply will result in the removal of the scrutineer.

Scrutineer Appointment Forms will be provided to candidates when they file their Nomination

Papers.

Results Reporting

Election results will be tabulated by an Election Official promptly after the closure of the voting station.

Election results will be reported within 120 minutes after the voting station has closed on October 28, 2026. Election results will be posted online at www.pwsd.ca/2026-election

For more information about the election please visit www.pwsd.ca/2026-election or contact:

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