

Subject: FW: important message about the upcoming election

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Passed on to you courtesy Ernie Crist.

From: christine [<mailto:christine-miller@shaw.ca>]
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Subject: important message about the upcoming election

Dear friends and neighbours,

At the beginning of September 2005, Jane Thornthwaite, an independent School Trustee candidate, sent a letter to every PAC Chair in North Vancouver to ask for the opportunity to visit each school to introduce herself and to learn about its issues and how she can make a difference in the education of its students. Many schools accepted this great opportunity to meet a new candidate with a commitment to being visible, accessible and accountable.

Seymour Heights also accepted, but the meeting was cancelled as a result of the strike. The fact remains that she took the initiative to approach all PACs and has promised to visit every school within the first three months if she is elected. This approach demonstrates the importance she places on being in touch with parents to hear their concerns and to answer questions. I wonder how often the elected School Trustees have visited your school and listened to you. Do you know who the School Trustees are and what they have done on behalf of the children in your school?

Since the strike, the Seymour Heights PAC decided to organize a large meeting and invite the School Trustee candidates on November 9th at 7:00 (instead of having Jane visit a PAC meeting). This invitation includes the incumbent Trustees who disappointed many local parents when the school closures and the common secondary timetable were being "discussed." Maybe you have some questions for them. Questions can be brought on paper and submitted before the meeting or emailed to Eveline Young, Seymour Heights PAC Chair, at eveliney@telus.net

There are also the School Trustees ONLY meetings on November 3rd at 7:30 at the Artists for Kids Gallery at the Leo Marshall Centre and on November 7th @ 7:30 at Sutherland High School that you are encouraged to attend and ask questions about the incumbent Trustees' contributions. Then you can decide if you think they have adequately addressed the needs of the children of North Vancouver.

Jane Thornthwaite's decision to run in this election is largely because she sees a need for School Trustees to be visible, accessible and accountable. Her campaign has been an inspiration to many of us. We recognize the need to have an independent Trustee on the School Board who will actively listen and respond to our concerns, someone who has children in the North Vancouver public school system and who is involved in our community, someone who will think "outside the slate." This will ensure discussion and healthy debate. Check out Jane's website: www.janethornthwaite.com and please come to meetings to listen and ask questions.

Our School Board needs independent voices like Jane's that are not part of a slate, someone who will represent you at the table. Only mark your ballot for the one(s) you know will work hard on behalf of the children in North Vancouver.

Sincerely,
Christine Miller

P.S. Please feel free to forward this letter to other North Vancouver
District voters.

I'm voting for Jane Thornthwaite (School Trustee) on Nov.19
www.janethornthwaite.com

