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Valentinis acclaimed Chair

Trustee Lisa Soulliere to stay on as Vice-Chair

(Windsor, Ontario, Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021) – Trustee Fulvio Valentinis will remain as the Chair of the WECDSB for another year while Trustee Lisa Soulliere will stay on as the Vice-Chair. Both were acclaimed to their respective positions for the fourth year in a row at tonight's annual organizational meeting.

"I'm delighted to stay on in this position for another year," said Valentinis, who serves Wards 1 and 10, and has sat on the Board's audit and multi-year strategic plan committees. "Despite the ongoing challenges we've faced due to the ongoing pandemic, we've managed to accomplish a great deal on behalf of our staff, students and their families. Our administration's focus since schools reopened in September has been on building relationships, and we continue to apply that concept in practical, meaningful ways to re-engage our students in their learning. I look forward to another year of working with my fellow trustees so that we can continue to help our students succeed."

Elections for the position of Chair and Vice-Chair are held on an annual basis, and Trustees cast their votes for these positions at the Board's yearly organizational meeting.

Soulliere, who was first elected in 2000 and represents the Lakeshore area, currently serves on the Board's Indigenous Education Advisory Committee and the Special Education Advisory Committee. Ensuring that student success remains a priority despite the pandemic is one of her top priorities.

"As trustees we have an obligation to make sure that we are focused on providing outstanding learning experiences for our students," said Soulliere. "The pandemic poses some serious challenges, but our administration has demonstrated its commitment to ensuring that the needs of our students are being met. I look forward to working with our administrative team on ensuring that we stay focused on our priorities."

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