Serving as a Trustee with the Board of the Wild Rose School Division over the past 5 years has been an incredible opportunity. It was a time I will always reflect fondly upon and remember what I have been able to offer and most importantly what I gained.

I have long valued public service, my career, my education, and of course family and friends. As a result of changing circumstances and location of my career position, a personal education journey involving completing my Masters and increased demand of overall workload, I am planning to resign my position as Trustee for Ward 5 – The Town of Rocky Mountain House once the search for the Superintendent is completed. The past year has proved increasingly difficult to be present and engaged in the many school council meetings and school functions that provide such rich opportunity to be in regular contact with students, parents and community members.

Rocky Mountain House deserves to be represented by a Trustee who is committed to be being present in all aspects of the Trustee role. Attending these engagements were where I had many of the fascinating conversations I encountered as a Trustee.

Wild Rose School Division has come a long way in the past five years. With a dedicated Board of Trustees, the exemplary vision of Superintendent Brian Celli, a management team that works tirelessly, and of course hundreds of principals, teachers, educational assistants, office staff, custodians, maintenance staff and bus drivers that ensure the students of Wild Rose School Division learn and grow. Their work creates an environment that promotes hope and dignity and improve the life chances of all students.

I am confident the Wild Rose School Division Board of Trustees and the new Superintendent, with the support of all of those mentioned above, will continue this onward and upward movement.

I am hopeful the Town of Rocky Mountain House will see strong candidates step forward to be considered for election to the Board. Candidates who are able to exhibit strong, ethical generative governance for the betterment of the Wild Rose School Division.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community of Rocky Mountain House, the parents and community members who have shared your thoughts, concerns and ideas with me. To the employees of WRSD who provide such great opportunities for our children and youth. The Trustees with whom I've served with over the past five years and last but certainly not least, Superintendent Brian Celli – whose vision, integrity and passion served to ignite some lasting change and growth in Wild Rose School Division.

Sincerely,

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Dixie McLeod Vice-Chair Wild Rose School Division