



# biographies

Vancouver Board of School Trustees  
2005 - 2008

## Allen Blakey

Allen Blakey was first elected to the Vancouver School Board in 1999. He was re-elected in 2002 and 2005. He began a teaching career in Cranbrook and Prince George before moving to Vancouver in 1959 to teach in Southlands, Carleton, Lord Nootka, Nightingale and Simon Fraser elementary schools. After a 35-year career in the classroom, Allen retired in 1992. Allen represents the board on the Special Education Advisory Committee.



## Ken Denike

1984 marked Ken's first term on the Vancouver School Board. He served as chair from 1986-88 and again from 1995-96. In 1997, Ken became regional representative with the B.C. Trustees for the Ministry for Children and Families. In 1998 he was elected by representatives from all school boards across the province as Director for the B.C. Public School Employers Association, which he chaired from 2000-02.



## Carol Gibson, Vice-chair

Carol is a graduate of UBC who has worked for 30 years as an educator and administrator. She began her career in elementary education with specializations in physical education and early childhood development. Following graduate school, Carol focused her career in post-secondary administration. She also worked as a policy and budget analyst in the university sector and she continues to work on contracts and as a volunteer. Carol is chair of the Personnel and Staff Services Committee (Committee IV) and is the trustee liaison for University Hill and Vancouver Technical and their feeder schools.



## Eleanor Gregory

Eleanor obtained a BA and MA at UBC, completed teacher training at SFU in 1982 and graduated from the UBC Faculty of Law in 1986. She has practised law since then, engaging in legal research, public policy development, legal writing and publishing, and mediation.



Eleanor volunteers in a pro bono family law clinic at Ray-Cam Cooperative Centre and has volunteered with the Autism Society, in her children's schools and with Girl Guides. Eleanor is the chair of the Education and Student Services Committee (Committee III), and she is the liaison trustee for the Killarney and Hamber families of schools.

## Sharon Gregson

Sharon's background is as an outspoken advocate for a publicly funded, quality child care system. She is the B.C. representative to the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada, as well as being the spokesperson for the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of B.C. Sharon is the mother of four children, ranging in age from 10 to 21. She is the board's representative on the city's Advisory Council – Child & Youth organization.



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## Clarence Hansen, Chairperson

Before seeking office as a school trustee, Clarence was a former chair of the Vancouver Park Board. He sought public office on his retirement in 1999 after 34 years as a teacher and principal with the Vancouver



School Board. Clarence has an extensive background in athletics and he has coached and served as a board member with organizations that promote youth participation in sports. He is also a recipient of a Certificate of Merit from the Government of Canada for outstanding volunteer work. Clarence is the chair of the Finance and Legal Committee (Committee V) and his liaison schools are Britannia and Magee and their family schools.

councillor in 1996 and served until 2002.

He also served as a director on the Greater Vancouver Regional District. Don is the chair of the Management Coordinating Committee (Committee I) and is trustee liaison for Churchill and Templeton secondaries and their feeder elementaries.

## Allan Wong

Allan is serving his third term as trustee and is a former board vice-chair. Allan graduated from UBC's Multicultural Teacher's Education Program, and worked as a teacher-on-call in Richmond and Vancouver. He has taught in every elementary school in Vancouver. Allan represents the



Vancouver School Board on the Vancouver Heritage Commission, and the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

## Shirley M. Wong

Shirley has been an educator for more than 40 years. She worked for 15 years as a secondary teacher in Burnaby, then moved on to be a professor of Business Education at UBC for 25 years. She still serves as a volunteer at UBC. Shirley is chair of the Planning and Facilities Committee (Committee II) and is trustee liaison for the Windermere and Kitsilano families of schools.



## Don Lee

Don taught Math and Physics at Templeton Secondary for more than 25 of his 31 years in the classroom. He completed his teacher training in Ontario, after receiving a science degree from UBC. Don was elected as a Vancouver



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