

Committee: **London Public Library Board Trustee**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Annette Gilbert**

Occupation: **Vice Principal**

Work experience: **I have been an educator with Thames Valley District School board for almost 20 years. 7 of those years I was in a system role that designed and facilitated professional learning opportunities for system wide initiatives. I am currently Vice Principal at Byron Southwood Public School.**

Education: **I have a BA, MA, and B.Ed, along with principal qualifications.**

Skills: **My system role was part of a literacy team that budgeted, designed and facilitated system wide professional learning committed to the strategic plan of the school board. As a result, I have experience in public speaking, engaging audiences and meeting deadlines. My passion merges literacy and social justice.**

Interest reason: **I see the London Public Library system as a hub of the community, not unlike our schools, but with a broader reach. I want to model for the next generation that their voice matters, that their interests and passions can inspire change, and that systems evolve to meet the needs of communities.**

Contributions: **I am committed to inclusivity and equity and am driven to create spaces where marginalized students and community members have a sense of belonging through empowerment. I hope to amplify and extend the amazing work that is already being accomplished, both in person and across social media platforms.**

Past contributions: **Currently I am on an advisory committee that is revising the curriculum for adult literacy in Afghanistan as part of Canadian Women for Women of Afghanistan.**

Interpersonal: **Every day I have the opportunity to engage community members, both parents and neighbours, in contributing to a vibrant and healthy school culture. I have had the privilege of addressing and working closely with trustees, parents, staff, students, school council and community members on a variety of initiatives that require navigating sometimes complex issues and diverse perspectives. Most recently, I engaged in the Byron Sidewalk Connectivity Plan where I brought staff and student voice to the Civic Works Committee.**

Interview interest: **Yes**