

Hello, my name is Darren Ollinger and I am running for School Trustee in the District of Chilliwack 2022.

Ideologically, I am a right wing, fiscally conservative, Catholic man and God Father of one. Being educated in Chilliwack since elementary school and through to college I left home and returned home to Chilliwack in 1998 from abroad. Since then, I have obtained a Diploma in General Studies and a Records Management Certificate from UFV, and a Certificate of proficiency as Electronics Tech from the BCIT Technical School which led to a job with IMW. Currently I am pursuing a Certificate in the Practice of Journalism.

Additionally, I have logged 10 years of Radio Broadcast hosting the JazzPlus show on CIVL the UFV Radio station. Currently and now, for the past 5 years I have been managing both the Parish Library at Saint Mary's in Chilliwack and my own personal print and music library. That which leads to, as I am, an audiophile with a passion for music; and to using the medium of music to teach.

The reason why I am contending is because I have a vested interest in the developmental character of our children by programming them with information found in both the curriculum and the library. That forum then is in need of scrutiny where the voice of the parent should have the power to exempt youth from exposure to materials found offensive.

And finally, in this day and age of technology, the passing of culture to the student where the parents and the teachers work collaboratively to pass desirable information to the students for them to make rational decisions regarding their social engineering both through the curriculum and through life lessons learned in the classroom but not found with in the curriculum.

In closing then, according to one of my Philosophy Instructors, "there is no shortage of good books to read," and, I might add, there is an appropriate song for just about any occasion.

Darren.