

Arlene lives in the Glenelm area of Elmwood with her husband Chris and three boys, ages 6, 9 and 14, all of whom attend schools in Ward 7.

Arlene enjoys being involved in her community. She is Chairperson of the Together in Elmwood Parent Child Coalition, is a Director with the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils. Is involved with her Church- Kildonan United as well as the Glenelm Neighbourhood Association. She attends Elmwood High School Parent Council. Prior to being a trustee she was a member of the Glenelm Parent Advisory Council as well as Chair and Event Coordinator for Parents of Autistic Children Everywhere (PACE). Arlene works for Starbucks at the Winnipeg Square Location. Arlene in her free time bakes cakes and cookies and has goals of one day opening a cafe/bakery that will employ those with Special Needs.

Arlene was elected as School Trustee in a By-election in November 2016. She is currently Chair of The Policy and Program Committee, and is a member of the Pension, WSD/Winnipeg Police Joint Committee, The WSD/WTA Joint Committee, and the Inclusion Support Committee. In previous years she has also been a member of The Finance and Personnel Committee, the Student Advisory, North District and Central Advisory Committees and many more. She was also involved in the creation of the Early Autism Intervention Program in 2017 for the division.

As a parent of two children with Special Needs, Arlene is dedicated to ensuring all students with Inclusive Education needs, receive the resources and supports they deserve.