

# Principal Profiles



## HINTON ZONE

At Grande Yellowhead Public School Division, we are proud of the individuals who lead our schools and share their passion and innovation with the staff and youth they interact with on a daily basis. A strong school leader is someone who leads and models learning, supports a collaborative and reflective learning community, and one who makes child-focused decisions. Here is a peek at those strong leaders in your community!

2020/2021



### Rod Armstrong

Crescent Valley School  
JK to Grade 7



### Kurt Scobie

École Mountain View School  
JK to Grade 7  
English & French Immersion Programs



### Glen Allen

Harry Collinge High School  
Grades 7 to 12  
The Learning Connection  
Grades 1 to 12

## Rod Armstrong

Rod became the principal at Crescent Valley in September 2020. He brings an extensive background in Educational Administration from the Peel District School Board. His greatest contribution has been in helping students become responsible and respectful members of society. His focus is on building positive places to learn and work together. He is committed to providing a healthy, caring, and inclusive environment for students and staff. He believes that students achieve their best when they feel safe, nurtured, welcomed, engaged, respected, and included. Rod graduated with a Bachelor of Education Degree from the University of Alberta and holds a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Toronto. He has additional training in Special Education, as well as experience at both the elementary and secondary levels. He looks forward to building and sustaining a culture of integrity and a school climate that supports students and welcomes engagement with the community. During his free time, Rod enjoys playing hockey and coaching hockey. He also plays guitar and believes in empowering modern learners.



## Kurt Scobie

Kurt began his career in Grande Yellowhead in 1994 at Roche Miette School, teaching a variety of grades. The next year, Kurt taught Grade 6 at Evansview School. Kurt returned to Hinton to teach Grade 7 for the next ten years and assistant principal for five of them. 2006 was a big year for Kurt. In June, Kurt took a position at the central office as the Supervisor of Technology and as the Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (AIS) Coordinator. That summer, he graduated with a Master in Educational Leadership from the University of Alberta and his family increased to three with the birth of his son Chad - joining the Scobie team with sisters Olivia and Klaudia, and Mom Stacey. Kurt was the AIS coordinator for five years and the Supervisor of Technology for 10 years. In 2016, Kurt returned to Crescent Valley as the principal and then moved to École Mountain View School as the principal in 2018. In Kurt's free time, he likes to run, bike, hike, and cross country ski, and loves to share photos of his outdoor adventures. One of Kurt's main goals is to know each of his student's names while making as many positive contacts daily at school.



## Glen Allen

Glen was appointed principal of Harry Collinge High School in 2011 after a one-year appointment as vice-principal which was preceded by 16 years of teaching service at HCHS. He began his career as a junior high French Immersion mathematics and science teacher and went on to teach Grades 8 - 12 mathematics, science, and physics in French and English. Glen grew up in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, and received his undergraduate degree in Science from the University of Alberta (Faculté St. Jean). It was during the completion of that first degree that he realized that his passion was to share his love of mathematics and science with students. He went on to obtain his undergraduate degree in Education also from the University of Alberta (Faculté St. Jean). More recently, he earned his Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Calgary in 2012. Relationships proved to be the central pillar of Glen's teaching and coaching and remain the foundation for his leadership in engaging students, staff, parents, and our community stakeholders in ensuring student success. Glen loves to be outdoors in the beautiful area of Hinton and spends as much time as possible volunteering with the Hinton Mountain Bike Association to build and maintain the amazing trail network that he so enjoys.

