

# Welcome to the Board!

As Helen Keller said, "What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us." I love being an educator and honestly, do not know where to start to tell you about myself. Currently, I am an Instructional Facilitator at Sunset Elementary in Cody, Wyoming. It is such a blessing to support amazing teachers as they grow into even more amazing educators. Prior to my Instructional Facilitation role, I was a First-Grade Teacher for many years. During my tenure as a teacher, I received my National Board Certification in Early Childhood, my Structured Literacy Teacher Certificate through the Center for Effective Reading Instruction and became a Wyoming Writing Project Consultant.

On the personal side, I am a mom to two adult children, a mother-in-law to a future educator, and a Nana to the most curious 2 and 1/2 year old. My husband of 27 years is a Special Education Teacher and will be starting a job at his old high school this year. I live next door to my retired educator in-laws to offer support as they venture through their changing health needs. They both taught for over thirty years! To say that education just runs in my veins would not be an understatement; yes! It is just part of me.

I am now excited to become part of this dynamic organization with many passionate board members and general members. Please let me know if there is any way I can help you. Feel free to drop me an email at [leannamorton@park6.org](mailto:leannamorton@park6.org) at any time! I will leave you with another favorite quote of mine from the author, Edith Wharton, "There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it." Let's all strive to be educators which deeply love our jobs and spread or reflect that flaming light into the world.

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