The Mississauga News called Karen Lin the candidate dashing all political stereotypes. Like many residents in Ward 5, Karen is the daughter of immigrants. She is a long-time Mississauga resident. She is a passionate and experienced social activist. She is the only school trustee candidate that is actually from Ward 5.

Karen and her family came to Canada when she was 13 years old. Her father drove a taxi while her mother washed dishes at a restaurant. Thank God for the public school system, she was able to get a great education, earn a degree in Computer Engineering from The University of Waterloo and worked as an Engineer since 2005.

Karen has a lot of experience in teaching. While working as an engineer, she volunteered as a math and English tutor serving under-privileged kids. She developed innovative math lessons utilizing game applications, social media and tablet devices. She devised new techniques teaching English classes to immigrant kids. She was available even after hours to answer questions parents have.

In addition to teaching, Karen is also a passionate social justice activist. Her political experience ranges from grass root mobilization to campaign management. She worked hard to successfully re-elect several progressive MPPs in the region. She is an active member of UNIFOR, the largest labour union in Canada. She currently sits on the executive board of her local union. Some of the most recent work she has done are:

End Youth Un(der) Employment Campaign with Premier Kathleen Wynne.

Raise The Minimum Wage and End Poverty in Ontario Campaign

International Women’s Day Rally Ending Poverty and Violence against Women.

Karen currently works at Bell Media, serving CP24, CTV, CTVNews, TSN, MTV and various other media brands. Prior to that, she worked at Microsoft as a lead software engineer. If elected, Karen will bring her unique experience in the media and technology sector combined with her extensive knowledge of labour issues to the school board.

Young people are the future of our city. Karen is actively engaging young people from all cultural background on her campaign. Her team is truly diverse, multicultural and exciting. Ward 5 needs a school trustee that is from ward 5. Karen will inspire change and make a difference on Oct 27, 2014.