

Message from the PCM Board of Trustees,

Greetings PCM Staff! I'm writing to update you on changes to the PCM Board of Trustees. Mr. John Cassleman has moved out of his role as board Chair as of 5/7/2023. As Vice chair, I, Bev Wolff, am stepping into the role of interim Chair. Ayad Rahmani has moved out of his role as board Secretary as of 5/9/2023. Kim Torres will be assuming the interim secretary role. Interim positions will last until the board votes to update board members' roles in June. On behalf of the whole PCM community, but especially the board, I want to thank John for his excellent leadership during a vital time in the school's history. I also want to thank Dr. Rahmani for his steadfast service and support of PCM. Mr. Cassleman has been with us since before we received our charter or opened our doors. He led the PCM board of trustees through the first two years of the school's operation, no small task in normal times, but definitely a huge task during Covid times, particularly with the disruptions we experienced in the field of education. Dr. Rhamini joined the board two years ago prior to the school opening. We want to thank Mr. Cassleman and Dr. Rhamani for their service and appreciate their continued good wishes for the success of PCM.

I'd also like to take this as an opportunity to help staff, families and community members learn more about charter school boards. Charter school boards go through a predictable progression as the school opens and grows into meeting its mission and vision. This progression moves boards along a trajectory from a founding board with a more 'working' focus to a sustaining board with a strong governance focus. Serving as a governing board member of a public charter school is a big responsibility. This responsibility is held by volunteers who are dedicated to the mission and vision of the school, the Washington Charter school sector, and to serving the communities they reside in. A sustaining board maintains a governance role and supports management to ensure the school is operating as a good steward of public resources by using good financial, operational, and academic practices. While the responsibility is substantial, the professional growth and the impact is huge. Charter boards receive higher than average professional development to cultivate and maintain good governance practices and ensure they have the tools necessary as individual trustees.

This also happens to be the time of year we begin to push for recruitment of new board members. If you are interested in serving as a Trustee on PCM's board, serving on a PCM Committee, or you would like to suggest the role to someone, you can find [more information on our website](#). If you want to chat about board responsibilities, time commitments, etc. in person or via Zoom, I, our Head of School Laylah, or one of the other PCM Trustees would be happy to meet with you. You can also simply email Board@myPCM.org

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As a reminder, you can reach out to the board, using the board's email address: board@myPCM.org You can also share your [Glows, Grows, and Concerns](#) through our website. Submissions are anonymous. This is a great way to share ideas and make your voice heard.

Sincerely,
Bev Wolff
Interim Chair