

Public Charter School Governing Board Member Information Sheet

Name of Public Charter School: Ecology Learning Center

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Occupation: Diversion & Deflection Program Manager

Please respond to the following questions:

1. Why do you wish to serve on the governing board?

My motivation for serving on the board of directors is to support the organization's values and goals in growing leaders prepared for real-world experiences. I hope to gain experience with board membership, make connections with the community, and know that we support youth.

2. What is your understanding of the educational needs of students in the catchment area?

After just having two children graduate from the public school system, I believe that students are missing a sense of connection. Especially post COVID. The social isolation that occurred over the past few years has disconnected our children not only from their peers but also from their teachers and community. The world today is much different than it was when I was a student, and they are dealing with much more intricate issues. Without connection to their community, caretakers and teachers, students are left to navigate it on their own and it is causing increased mental health and substance use issues.

3. Please list any previous or present educational involvement; such as board member, budget committee, citizens committees, etc. List school(s) or district(s).


No previous experience

4. What special qualifications do you have that will help you to be a board member?

I have a passion to impact the community by increasing barriers to entering the "system" either through criminal justice interactions, substance abuse or untreated mental illness. Through my work I have seen that building strong relationships with positive adults and receiving an education are two strong barriers for children to enter the system.

5. What is your understanding of the role you will play as a public charter school board member?

The role of board members is to keep the organization's core values and foundation in the forefront as they help to guide the organization into the future through growth and development.

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