

Meg Borba
Parent

Letters of Recommendation from:

Lisa Wolff

Linda Mila

Susan Churchill

Meg Bedrick

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Dear WA Board of Trustees:

Please accept this letter as my interest in being considered to fill one of the parent seats on the WA Board of Trustees.

This year has been life changing for my family! Ever since I heard about WA and researched last year I have been blown away by the sense of community, the mission and values of the school, along with the strong STEM- prep based education that is provided. Since becoming part of this school community this year I have continued to be impressed with every aspect of the school!

Previously, I have been involved and a parental advocate in our town. I considered a run for school board but to be honest, they did not align with my values of parental involvement, strengthening education, and being held to a higher standard. I want to make a DIFFERENCE. Since joining WA, I have joined the PTO, become a parent liaison helping, and am currently setting up monthly fundraising events with local establishments. As a liaison I have been in contact with parents for all aspects of the classroom. From getting supplies sent in that are needed, organizing class parties, Christmas gifts for the teacher and para, along with anything else that the teacher has asked with assistance with. I truly believe that school to home communication is essential along with strong parental support and involvement. One thing that I have learned so far was some parents are not sure HOW to be involved. I have taken my liaison position a step further and have tried to find ways that I can include those parents and help they get more involved in the school. Right before Christmas my family was hit with COVID. I was in the middle of getting the gifts together and was unable to finish. I was able to include 2 other moms who were SO excited because they've never been sure how or where to help. Creating that relationship with them and allowing others to be part of this was something I was so grateful for (along with their help!) In addition, working collaboratively with the PTO to ensure successful fundraising events with donations of items such as festival of trees and the raffle baskets. Helping set up before the trunk or treat and collecting donations for the trees on local community pages to maximize our profits.

I have been a part of the PTO, assisting with planning events, and do everything I can to make myself available to help with additional tasks. From helping with the Valentines fundraiser, penny wars, planning for the Tall & Small, and heading the Color Run fundraiser coming up in May! In addition, being a support to the President of the PTO for any additional tasks I can help complete to help divide and conquer tasks. While contacting local restaurants, I have found that some are not participating in fundraising events but have been able to build a relationship with them so that when they are, they are going to contact me. In the meantime, they have donated gift cards for other upcoming events. The locations that have set up fundraisers with us have been blown away by the support to the point the Nutrition Corner wants to have a monthly day where they donate proceeds to Windham Academy.

When the changes in the board recently happened, Meg Bedrick mentioned she was passing on the uniforms to Mindy. I felt as though with everything on her plate maybe she could use an extra set of hands. She graciously accepted the offer to assist in the uniform collaboration and possible execution of adding another company. I have been in the works with that these last few weeks, communication with admin, Brandie Shaydo, and putting pieces together. Taking

the parental input and frustrations of timely orders and accessibility to clothing for their children, along with incoming families in the fall. I have several meetings set up to weigh options that would be best suited for WA and look forward to bringing my findings to the administration and the board.

Recently, I saw a new member of our school post looking for uniforms. Her son is starting in kindergarten and from knowing (from my liaison position) that we had one open seat in the class I decided to reach out to her. Going in midyear can be tricky and I wanted to make myself available and start a communication with this mother so that her family would feel welcomed. However, I don't want to stop where I am at! I want to continue to support this school for everything that it is, help it grow, and reach its greatest potential.

Before temporarily leaving my career to raise our family, I have a long resume of healthcare, administration, along with management. While this isn't a background in education I have worked with many types of people (staff wise and patient wise on a psych unit)! It has taught me incredible things from organization, confrontation, partnership with other people, confidentiality, and many other qualities that I think will be helpful for me in this position. Currently, while being a stay-at-home mom, I decided I wanted to continue my education and pursue another degree which I am currently doing online. I am always looking to learn and grow in every way that I can. In addition to these things, I am part of the new local chapter of Moms for Liberty! Moms for Liberty is "dedicated to fighting for the survival of America by unifying, educating and empowering parents to defend their parental rights at all levels of government." Recently, they have taken on a huge task of advocating in the local town schools for parental choice and involvement in the educational system. Windham Academy holds true to these same standards which is why I am so proud to be a part of this community! I tell you this because it is part of who I am, what I am invested in, and standards I truly believe are crucial for this generation of kids. However, I do want to be sure to make it abundantly clear that my political beliefs WILL NOT impact making decisions that are in the best interest of our school community.

When I am invested in something, you will find that I give my all and then some. Not just 100%. Combine that with something I am passionate about – such as WA, its mission, the wellbeing and education of our next generation and you will find that that flame does not dwindle. Having 2 children in this school and 2 more entering in the upcoming years, we are here for the long haul and can't wait to help support and see this school grow. There are so many ideas and contributions that I am hopeful that I can bring to this team!

Attached, please find 2 parental recommendations from current families. I have also attached two previous letters of recommendation, as they speak to who I am as a person in the community and over a longer span of time! Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you about next steps that can be taken.

Gratefully,
Meg Borba