

## Haynes Bridge Candidate Statements (Spring 2018)

### **Parents**

Rebecca Williams

I am currently serving my second year on the SGC for Haynes Bridge Middle School. I have enjoyed participating on the council and want to continue doing this work. I would like to strengthen our partnership with the PTA Board to ensure we are aligning our strategic plan to meet the needs of our administration, parents and most importantly our students. In addition, I think we can improve our relationship with the other schools in our cluster to share ideas that are working and discontinue those that are not benefiting our children. I currently have children in all three schools and next year I will have two at HBMS and one at Centennial. Therefore, I have a very vested interest in the future of our schools. In addition to serving on the SGC currently, I have served in various roles on the PTA Board over the years and in other volunteer opportunities both in the schools and in my community. Thank you for your consideration.

Nancy Kasik

My name is Nancy Kasik and I would like to serve on the SGC at Haynes Bridge Middle School. I have a rising 5th grader at Northwood Elementary and a rising 7th grader at HBMS. I have served on the Board of both PTAs, in VP positions. I have chaired PTA committees, volunteered in the media center, served on the PTA nominating committee, written grants for the school, and served as a room parent. I believe parent involvement is critical to the success of our schools. I enjoy working with teachers, administration, and other parents and believe it is important to encourage more parent involvement and participation in our schools. I am interested in sharing thoughts and ideas about the school's strategic direction and curriculum. I think it is important to listen to various points of view and make educated decisions, in the best interest of our students and the staff. I am also interested in understanding the schools budgeting process, as well as how funds are allocated. It is important that we make the most of the funds allocated to our school, and come up with creative ways to help fund the needs of the school. I work as the Director of Business Systems for ControlScan. In my role, I support all departments within my company. The position involves process development, problem solving, and coming up with creative solutions to address the company's needs. I believe this skillset will be beneficial in working with the SGC and School Administration.

### **Teachers**

Ron Portmann

I have been teaching eighth grade math to on-level students at Haynes Bridge for almost six years now. I am always seeking ways to give back to my community and be of service as much as possible. If SGC is involved in making my school and community a better place, then I believe this opportunity is for me. To make my school a better place I put the needs of students above all else. Through every day interaction and building a rapport with our students, I have a good idea of what is working, and areas that could be revamped in an ever-changing society in need of modernization.

## Dale Branham

I would like to join the SGC and actively support the faculty, students, and community at HBMS by being part of this decision-making team. I have a B.S. in Exercise Science/ Physical Education and Health and a M.Ed. in Educational Psychology plus 23 years of teaching experience in varying capacities. I taught P.E for 6 years at elementary and middle while attending grad school, then IRR for 3 years at the h.s. level. Between 2004-2013, I taught 5th grade IRR at Nickajack Elem. School and coached softball and tennis at Campbell H.S. For 9 years, over 85% of my IRR students passed the CRCT. In 2011, I worked part-time for Morehouse College, at the Carrera After-School Youth Program for at-risk middle school students. I worked closely with these 50 middle school kids, their families, teachers, community helpers, and program directors for two years, providing input and insight about inventory, expenditures, marketing, and community partnerships. In 2013, I served as a Behavior Therapist at South Metro GNETS Facility. I received State PBIS training and became the PBIS Director/Coach, training district employees, while implementing PBIS at Ash Street School. I am a certified trainer for Mindset Crisis Intervention and Physical Restraints for Aggressive Behaviors. I have connected with my colleagues and parents while working at HBMS. This is why I have an invested interest in the direction of our schools and desire to join SGC.