

## Taylor Road Middle School TEACHER SGC Candidate Statements

### **Carrie Fontan**

My name is Carrie Fontan and I welcome the opportunity to become a member of the Taylor Road Middle School Governance Council. Currently, I am concluding my twentieth year of teaching, fourteen of which have been in Fulton County and twelve here on “The Road”. I love this school and its community; being a part of the SGC would allow me to impact our school’s success on a broader level. Among my qualifications are advanced degrees: I hold an Educational Specialist Degree in Teacher Leadership, with an add-on in Educational Leadership, a Masters of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction, with an emphasis on Middle Grades Mathematics. In addition, I have served as 6th grade Leadership Representative, 7th Grade Leadership Representative, and as Student Support Team/ Response to Intervention Coordinator. In these roles I have worked with students, teachers, administrators and community stakeholders to support students and families. Working with collaborative teams, I have spearheaded initiatives that use student data to improve academic achievement. On the county level, I have been selected to participate in multiple “Aspiring Leadership Programs” where I have gained knowledge and hands on experience regarding our mission as a school district. Working on the SGC would allow me to put those experiences into action and play a larger role in impacting the academic success of our students. I would consider it a privilege to serve on the Taylor Road Middle School Governance Council.

### **Mitchell Haber**

For ten years I recruited physicians all over the country. However, I continually found myself teaching people how to recruit rather than doing the recruiting myself. This was a reminder of what I really wanted to be doing. I have the ability to relate to children and the desire to have a real impact on their lives. I wanted to teach the way I wish I had been taught. I wanted to teach for my daughters so I could impact and help shape the environment in which they would be learning. I stopped recruiting and went back to school to get my teaching certification and master’s degree. Luckily, I was given the opportunity to do my student teaching at Taylor Road Middle School and fortunately for me the administration at Taylor Road gave me the opportunity to start making an impact right away. Now that I am doing what I love, and impacting children’s lives inside the classroom. The Governance Council will give me the opportunity to help impact the lives of more students. Through the combination of experience both inside and outside the classroom, I have the ability to foster new ideas that can be brought into the classroom and community. I live in this community and my children will grow up in this community. I want them to have the opportunity to attend the best schools in the county. I want to do this for my daughters and the other children in the community, I will work hard and commit to the progression of our school and our school system.

### **Lindsay Meekhof**

I have been a teacher in Fulton County for over 13 years and this current school year is my second year at Taylor Road Middle School. I am excited about the opportunity to have purposeful conversations to improve student success. Taylor Road is an excellent school and I look forward to continuing our level of excellence.