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15th District PTA

Candidates Answers

May 7, 2019 Election

The following candidates will be on the ballot for our election on May 7th. Please see our website for more information about the vote at 15thdistrictpta.org/Election

Position	15 th District PTA Slate	Running from the floor
President – Elect	Sienna Newman	Gay Adelman
Vice President 1	Carla Robinson	
Vice President 2	Dana Shull	Jamique Washington
Vice President 3	Bobbi Jo Kingery	Amanda Rhye
Vice President 4	Sharon Kesler	Sharika Anderson LaTasha Harrison
Vice President 5	Karen Pridemore	
Treasurer	Elizabeth Hammer	
Secretary	Anna Elder	April (Johnson) Zimmerman

Each candidate was asked to answer the same questions so as to help each of our members pick a candidate that will join the 15th District PTA Executive Board.

President - Elect Candidate
Sienna Newman

What PTA positions have you held in the past and what PTA/PTSA are currently a member of?

At St Matthews Elementary positions included VP of Membership, VP of Events, and President. I am a member of the Meyzeek PTSA and co-committee chair. As the VP of Programs for the District my role includes organization of the Awards Banquet and assistance of programs: Back to School Trainings, Reflections, and Vendor Fair. I have also served on several committees: financial review, re-organization, and standing rules. I have also been appointed as the Chairman for National PTA Convention 2020 taking place in Louisville.

PTA/PTSA Memberships: St Matthews PTA, Meyzeek PTSA, Western High PTSA, JCPs Superintendent PTA, 15th District, KY, National PTA

What prompted you to seek this position?

I have a great passion for our community and the education of our children. I believe that family involvement in education is vital to not only a child's success but also improving our community. During my tenure it became clear that our district was operating under the organizational structure that it has outgrown. I got very involved in helping restructure the positions for the upcoming term to better support our local units. During the development of the new structure I became truly passionate about how to further the impact we can have for each and every child of our community.

What about the position excites you and why do you want to join the 15th District PTA Board?

As a parent of three boys in JCPS, and a wife of a JCPS employee, I see firsthand at how being a voice for our children can help improve our community. This excites me because the restructure will help better advocate for our schools. This position will have a great deal of work in implementing and creating/building new training materials. As an area of expertise for me, I have held several professional positions that directly relates towards the role of education, training, and implementation. I am excited to provide my professional experience to helping improve our children's education.

Will you be comfortable being an ambassador or advocate for our association and our mission which includes National PTA Resolutions and Position Statements? If so what makes your passionate about our association?

My passions for education align with the mission and vision of the PTA: being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families/communities, and a strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child. The resolutions are drafted in the best interest of our children as a whole; while some may not go far enough in my personal views, it is important to understand that the positions promote the welfare of all by non-partisan advocacy. By supporting PTA we are building a better future in our community...and that is where I will always give my heart.

Joining a board requires working as part of a team. How would you describe your ability to work on a team? The role you think you will play as part of this team?

I have always been a team player in my professional and volunteer organizations, which include: Amputee Coalitions; Kentucky Licensing Board for Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Pedorthists; KY Golf Amputee Golf Charities; Louisville Public Library Friends; Louisville Mothers of Twins Club; Mother of Preschoolers-St Paul United Methodist Church, Kenneseth of Israel Preschool Parent Board, and advisor to my local sorority chapter. My role of this team is to ensure that I help the Board meet the commitments of their positions while helping advise, train, and develop members in becoming a vital part of our communities advocacy for our children.

A 15th District PTA Board position is an important commitment. Are you able to give the time necessary to fulfill this role and to attend all PTA board meetings and events?

I am fully able to commit to the time requirements for the 15th District PTA. I have been on the Board for the past two years and have been in attendance at our meetings and events as necessary. I am lucky to have a supportive family, both immediate and extended, that fully understands the importance of the PTA for our students in the community.

*President - Elect Candidate
Gay Adelman*

What PTA positions have you held in the past and what PTA/PTSA are currently a member of?

I have always been a big believer in PTA. Over the past 20 years, I have probably served in almost every PTA capacity at the various PTAs where my sons have attended school. I've done communications/webmaster, fundraising, programming, grant writing, and hospitality roles. When my youngest attended a school that did not have a PTA at all, I founded a new PTA at The Academy @ Shawnee in 2013. In 2014 I also accepted an invitation to join the 15th District PTA Executive Board, where I served in the capacities of Programming VP, Communications VP, and Fundraising VP, until 2017.

What prompted you to seek this position?

Having lived in 7 distinctly different school districts in 4 different states, I have been part of some amazing PTAs. I also have 30 years' experience as a marketing, technology and business professional. Locally, I've spent the past 6 years as an active and outspoken public education advocate. JCPS is the 29th largest district in the nation with some unique

challenges. As such, I believe the 15th District PTA should be taking a more proactive role in vocalizing and advocating for issues affecting our most vulnerable populations in JCPS and across this country, and I am prepared to do so.

What about the position excites you and why do you want to join the 15th District PTA Board?

I am a vocal proponent of JCPS. I want all students to have same opportunities my child had, regardless of where they live, how wealthy they are, or their physical or mental ability. I want to contribute to improving and strengthening public education in Jefferson County, the largest district in the state of Kentucky, especially given all of the attacks on our public schools lately. I believe the PTA has not only a responsibility but has a limited window of opportunity to restore confidence of its members by becoming a more active and visible partner in this critical advocacy work.

Will you be comfortable being an ambassador or advocate for our association and our mission which includes National PTA Resolutions and Position Statements? If so what makes your passionate about our association?

It would be my honor to advocate as an ambassador for the association and mission, in keeping with National, State and District positions. Considering the unique challenges our district faces, such as achievement gaps and threats of state takeover, I am passionate about making sure every opportunity to advocate for our students is explored and utilized. I support more local influence on the resolutions that are written at the National and State level, so that we are able to inform and mobilize our members where they will have greatest impact. I helped write two resolutions submitted KY PTA Legislative Committee.

Joining a board requires working as part of a team. How would you describe your ability to work on a team? The role you think you will play as part of this team?

For an organization to be effective, it's important to have a clear mission and vision. This requires investment on the front-end to make sure everyone's input has been sought, teams are inclusive, discourse is respectful, team members are accountable, and buy-in has been achieved before moving forward. I am passionate about these steps, as well as keeping the focus on our mission and vision and what's best for students. As president-elect, I would serve primarily in a supportive role, assisting the President and the Vice Presidents in their efforts to move forward with their projects and supporting local PTAs.

A 15th District PTA Board position is an important commitment. Are you able to give the time necessary to fulfill this role and to attend all PTA board meetings and events?

Yes. During my previous tenure, I demonstrated this commitment. I recognize that I do have the time and opportunity to serve and I want to use that privilege to speak up on behalf of and advocate for students and families who don't have the same privileges -- or have given up. I have tried to be a voice for those who believe they don't have a voice, to represent those who don't have representation. I want to make sure people know what PTA is, what it does, why it's important, so our strength and influence are second to none

Vice President 1 Candidate
Carla Robinson

What PTA positions have you held in the past and what PTA/PTSA are currently a member of?

Maupin Elementary- President (Current) & 2nd VP membership (2013-2014)

What prompted you to seek this position?

The power to advocate for myself and my children, I learned from my PTA. Over the past 3 years, I have connected with other parents to assist them when opportunities that have come up. I have also loved working with my PTA to create new programs and connections for them over these past 2 years as their President.

What about the position excites you and why do you want to join the 15th District PTA Board?

I am excited to be working with District 1 schools to help them become their best self. I currently live and my children attend a District 1 school so I understand the challenges. But with those challenges are many opportunities that I plan to tap into with each of my schools. I want to make sure that all District 1 PTA's are connected with each other and not in silos. I will encourage them to share best practices and make sure they support each other. No one will be an island alone we have to work together which is why I am so excited to be able to work with each school.

Will you be comfortable being an ambassador or advocate for our association and our mission which includes National PTA Resolutions and Position Statements? If so what makes you passionate about our association?

I am passionate about the PTA because of the work they do educate parents on issues that concern their children. The PTA does an incredible job supporting PTA of small and large schools and empowering those parents to be active in their schools also in their communities. My work with the Louisville Urban League allows me the opportunity to work with our local, state and national legislative representatives to express my opinions when appropriate but also to hear their point of views on many issues. I am currently a Kentucky Parent Fellow with Education Trust out of D.C., with this work I have advocated for every Kentucky Parents over the past 7 months on many different issues.

Joining a board requires working as part of a team. How would you describe your ability to work on a team? The role you think you will play as part of this team?

I have always worked on teams sometimes as the lead and many times as worker bee. As many in District one will find out, I am a pretty quiet person, I take things in and then respond. I do not shy away from issues or concerns. My team at Maupin can tell you that I am pretty easy to work with and strive at working out issues. I will make sure that I am a servant for my District 1 schools. Whatever they need for me to be or any topic they need for me to raise I will stand on it. At my old job, they used to call me the Lioness because for my team I will stop at nothing to get it done.

A 15th District PTA Board position is an important commitment. Are you able to give the time necessary to fulfill this role and to attend all PTA board meetings and events?

Yes, I am very blessed to have a supportive husband, Rev. Donnie Robinson, to make sure I can make all of my commitments. I am a pretty busy wife, mom, sister, and employee but I make sure if I commit to anything I get it done.

Vice President 2 Candidate
Dana Shull

What PTA positions have you held in the past and what PTA/PTSA are currently a member of?

I've been actively involved in the JCPS PTA/PTSA for over a decade. Over the years, I've held numerous leadership positions, including my current position as Lowe Elementary PTA Co-President. I've had the honor of serving in this highest position over the past year and have thoroughly enjoyed working with both our school and local community. Previously, I held the positions of 2nd VP of Communications, VP of Fundraising, Membership Chair, Spirit Night Chair, and led the charge of Leopard Loop Fundraising Chair in 2011 where we raised 25,000 for the first time ever!

What prompted you to seek this position?

My desire to see all children succeed is what prompted me to run for this position. I love the mantra, "A person has truly become a PTA member when their circle of concern stretches beyond their own to include all children. A parent is truly a PTA member when their decisions are decided by a deep and abiding sense of responsibility for other peoples' children as well as their own. Whatever you want for your own children—want for all children." ~author unknown

What about the position excites you and why do you want to join the 15th District PTA Board?

The position of 15th district PTA VP excites me because I believe this is an excellent time to be part of the association. We are at a pivotal point within JCPS, we can make a positive and impactful difference in the lives of many children. We've built a solid foundation at Lowe Elementary and I am excited to share, teach, and lead the tried and true techniques we have implemented over the years. With a positive attitude and a willingness to include all diverse backgrounds, we can bring people together for true positive change.

Will you be comfortable being an ambassador or advocate for our association and our mission which includes National PTA Resolutions and Position Statements? If so what makes your passionate about our association?

Yes, both my professional and PTA background have prepared me for the duties of being an ambassador or advocate for the association. In addition, I will be comfortable writing the National PTA Resolutions and Position Statements. As previously stated, I have over a decade of experience working within and leading a Parent Teacher Association. I welcome the new challenge. In addition, I feel I am in a strong position to have a pulse on the JCPS community since I am a parent of a 3rd grader at Lowe Elementary

Joining a board requires working as part of a team. How would you describe your ability to work on a team? The role you think you will play as part of this team?

I've had experience working on a board and leading a team in both my professional and PTA life. Professionally, I manage the Global Supply Chain at a local pharmaceutical company. Working as a team is part of my daily life in this industry since being a team player is imperative to accomplishing cross-functional goals and objectives. In addition, as Lowe PTA Co-President, I work with the other Co-President to lead the PTA group to accomplish identified objectives. I am a firm believer to accomplish anything, you have to be a diplomatic person who can relate to all types of people with diverse backgrounds.

A 15th District PTA Board position is an important commitment. Are you able to give the time necessary to fulfill this role and to attend all PTA board meetings and events?

Yes, I believe I can adequately manage my time to serve in this position. If you believe in something and have a passion, you find the time. I have a full plate as a single mother and dance mom to my 8-year-old daughter, working professional and PTA Co-President, BUT I believe I can add value to the overall JCPS PTA Board so I am here to serve. With the support of others on the board, we can work together as a team to get everything accomplished. Thanks for your consideration!

*Vice President 2 Candidate
Jamique Washington*

Did not submit answers.

*Vice President 3 Candidate
Bobbi Jo Kingery*

What PTA positions have you held in the past and what PTA/PTSA are currently a member of?

2011-2017 Stonestreet Elementary PTA - Volunteer
2017-2018 Frost & Stuart Community PTSA- Parliamentarian, 1st Vice President (Membership), and President
2018-2019 Frost & Stuart Community PTSA- President
15th District PTA - Middle School Chairman & Awards
Kentucky PTA - Vice President of Programs

Duties: Work conscientiously to understand parliamentary procedure, standing rules, and the PTA's bylaws. Keep track of membership and volunteer information. Preside over meetings, attend district PTA and school events/programs, and helped with delegate responsibilities. Create Awards and documents/Google docs and spreadsheets. Welcome volunteers and help nourish new/potential board members.

What prompted you to seek this position?

First and foremost, I want to be an advocate for children and their parents. Volunteering in my daughter's middle school has created a fire in me. I currently reside in District 4 and I want to be a part of a PTA that addresses issues that are important to parents, students and school administrators. I want to help other PTAs to be great PTAs, working hard to Advocate for children.

What about the position excites you and why do you want to join the 15th District PTA Board?

Over the past year I have been involved with the 15th District PTA as the Middle School Chairman/Awards. I would like to get more involved with my community, schools and PTA's in the district in which I live. I will fight for full funding, quality teachers, and capabilities for schools and PTAs to thrive. I live in District 4 and have already made several relationships with school administrators and PTA/PTSA Boards as well as several community businesses.

Will you be comfortable being an ambassador or advocate for our association and our mission which includes National PTA Resolutions and Position Statements? If so, what makes your passionate about our association?

I am comfortable being an ambassador and advocate for PTA and children. I am dedicated to all children's educational success, health, and well-being. I have completed two advocacy trainings with Ky PTA and attended Children Advocacy Day in Frankfort, Ky. I am passionate about PTA and what the association stands in regards to children's education and welfare. I also know that PTA can make changes!

Joining a board requires working as part of a team. How would you describe your ability to work on a team? The role you think you will play as part of this team.

I enjoy working with others and meeting new people. Although working as a team can be tricky, I try to be respectful of everyone and allow everyone to express their opinion. I am committed to hard work and being available. I am always willing to help and am reliable. I am responsible and have good communication skills.

A 15th District PTA Board position is an important commitment. Are you able to give the time necessary to fulfill this role and to attend all PTA board meetings and events?

I am a stay-at-home mom who enjoys volunteer work. I like to keep myself active and involved in the community and schools. My teenage daughter often comes to events with me to volunteer as well. I can give the PTA and this position the time and devotion that is needed and required.

*Vice President 3 Candidate
Amanda Rhye*

What PTA positions have you held in the past and what PTA/PTSA are currently a member of?

I have been a member of the Eisenhower Elementary School PTA since my daughter started kindergarten there last school year. I enjoy volunteering throughout the year and look forward to another four years of service to our school.

What prompted you to seek this position?

In the recent months I have become a much more actively involved parent in the bigger picture outside of our individual school walls. Several people contacted me to say that they thought I would be a great advocate for our

children in this capacity as a board member, and I agreed that it is an amazing opportunity to make a positive impact on a wider scale. I will be happy to assist the Board, in any way possible.

What about the position excites you and why do you want to join the 15th District PTA Board?

I volunteer at every possible opportunity for both our school staff and PTA. I have always been dedicated to helping improve the lives of children around me, in whatever way I can. Without a doubt, a strong community of support for our students is the most vital key to their success, and the PTA is the heart of that community. To be a part of such an important part of our school system is wonderful, because as a mother to me nothing is more important than education.

Will you be comfortable being an ambassador or advocate for our association and our mission which includes National PTA Resolutions and Position Statements? If so, what makes your passionate about our association?

I feel more than capable of being an advocate for the PTA. My hope is to help take ideas that work in successful PTAs, and share them to other schools to help strengthen them. Outside of our school staff, the parents involved are an important part of schools that do well. PTA gives us the organization to accomplish amazing goals.

Joining a board requires working as part of a team. How would you describe your ability to work on a team? The role you think you will play as part of this team

As an EMT for over a decade, the first thing I learned is that for success team work is crucial. I am comfortable working and adapting to others, compromising, and playing whatever role is needed at the time. Those are all important factors to being a team player, and any organization cannot succeed without those abilities. I am great at organizing and leadership, but also know when to step back and play a support role.

A 15th District PTA Board position is an important commitment. Are you able to give the time necessary to fulfill this role and to attend all PTA board meetings and events?

I am currently a stay home mother, dedicating my time to ensuring my daughter's education gets off to a good start and volunteering all of my free time. As such this role fits perfectly into the flexibility my schedule

Vice President 4 Candidate

Sharon Kesler

What PTA positions have you held in the past and what PTA/PTSA are currently a member of?

I have held 2nd VP at Cane Run Elementary School (2015-2017), 1st VP at Gutermuth Elementary (2017-2018), Recycling Chairman for 15th District PTA (2015-Present) and YouTube Commissioner for the Kentucky State PTA (2018-Present).

What prompted you to seek this position?

My passion for children prompted me to seek a position for our 15th District PTA. I also sit on the Racial Equity Advisory Committee as a Parent Representative.

What about the position excites you and why do you want to join the 15th District PTA Board?

I am currently a member of the 15th District PTA, I want to try to make a difference in all children's lives. I am currently in school at IUS pursuing a degree in Psychology and will be going into social work.

Will you be comfortable being an ambassador or advocate for our association and our mission which includes National PTA Resolutions and Position Statements? If so, what makes your passionate about our association?

I am very passionate in advocating for children. Any and all children need a voice to stand up for them. It is very rewarding to help.

Joining a board requires working as part of a team. How would you describe your ability to work on a team? The role you think you will play as part of this team.

I love working with people and being a leader. Our district needs team players and people that will work hard to get our children, teachers, and parents what they need.

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Yes, other than being a mom, I'm a full-time student, and a board member of the Racial Equity Advisory Council.

Vice President 4 Candidate

Sharika Anderson

What PTA positions have you held in the past and what PTA/PTSA are currently a member of?

I was previously the VP of Membership on the board of Whitney Young's PTA and the secretary of Coleridge-Taylor's PTA.

What prompted you to seek this position?

I believe that just as our schools should represent our diverse population, so should our PTA's. I want to ensure that our children and families have the best possible opportunities available.

What about the position excites you and why do you want to join the 15th District PTA Board?

What excites me about possibly joining the 15th District PTA Board is to be able to work with a multitude of schools and finding out what they need and how we can partner with them to achieve their goals.

Will you be comfortable being an ambassador or advocate for our association and our mission which includes National PTA Resolutions and Position Statements? If so what makes your passionate about our association?

I am passionate about the PTA because I see it as a way to truly partner with your child's school to ensure that the needs that the school does not meet, we could fill that gap.

Joining a board requires working as part of a team. How would you describe your ability to work on a team? The role you think you will play as part of this team?

I enjoy working with a group of people toward a common goal. I feel that the more brains you have looking at a problem the better the solution will be. I look forward to bouncing ideas off other people and learning from them. The role that I will play on this team is being an advocate for what best for our children and our schools.

A 15th District PTA Board position is an important commitment. Are you able to give the time necessary to fulfill this role and to attend all PTA board meetings and events?

I am fully committed to fulfilling this position and attending all PTA board meetings and events.

Vice President 4 Candidate

LaTasha Harrison

What PTA positions have you held in the past and what PTA/PTSA are currently a member of?

I have served as a member of the PTA for the past 12 years. I held the position of President at Price Elementary for two years and on the first year won the National School of Excellence Award. I am currently a member of the Alex R. Kennedy PTA and Moore Middle PTA.

What prompted you to seek this position?

As a member of the 15th District PTA Board of Directors, I hope to support the growth of future PTA leaders and to be an advocate for the health, education, and welfare of all children. While providing outlets and avenues that empower our parents and children to reach their greatest potential.

What about the position excites you and why do you want to join the 15th District PTA Board?

I am excited about the opportunities of working with different schools and building relationships that will allow the PTA to grow as a whole. I believe that there is so much more that we can offer our children and parents if we work together and build together.

Will you be comfortable being an ambassador or advocate for our association and our mission which includes National PTA Resolutions and Position Statements? If so what makes your passionate about our association?

I am excited to be an ambassador for the National PTA. The PTA is the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the United States. The PTA was founded on being influential on federal policies that promote education, health and the well-being of all children that resulted in kindergarten classes, child labor laws, school lunch programs, a juvenile justice system, and the strengthening of parent-teacher relationships. I am passionate about advocating for our children and parents.

Joining a board requires working as part of a team. How would you describe your ability to work on a team? The role you think you will play as part of this team?

I enjoy being a team player any successful organization is successful because of great minds working together. I actively listen to others. As a team player, I can absorb, understand, and consider ideas and points of view from other people. I am a very effective communicator and problem solver. I have the willingness to share, information, knowledge, and experience.

A 15th District PTA Board position is an important commitment. Are you able to give the time necessary to fulfill this role and to attend all PTA board meetings and events?

Yes, I have the time necessary to fulfill my duties. I am very excited about being a part of the 15th District PTA Board. I am committed to fulfilling my duties and excited to bring new innovative ways to work with students and parents.

Vice President 5 Candidate
Karen Pridemore

What PTA positions have you held in the past and what PTA/PTSA are currently a member of?

My name is Karen Pridemore. I have held many positions in the PTA for the past 12 years. I am President of Jeffersontown Elementary and Eastern High school. I have also been President of Crosby Middle school. I have been a Vice President of Fundraising, Communications, Teacher Liaison and General Store. I've had many chair positions. Reflections, Box Tops, Picture Day, Popcorn, and our school dances. I am a PTA member of Jeffersontown Elementary and Eastern High School.

What prompted you to seek this position?

My son is going off to college in the fall so I feel this is a good time for me to be more involved. I've always wanted to help on the 15th District so I think this will be great timing.

What about the position excites you and why do you want to join the 15th District PTA Board?

I am excited about this position because I love meeting new people and I love helping the PTA in any way I can. I feel it is important being able to be involved in my kids' school.

Will you be comfortable being an ambassador or advocate for our association and our mission which includes National PTA Resolutions and Position Statements? If so what makes your passionate about our association?

I feel very comfortable about being an advocate for the PTA. I am an advocate for parents, teachers, and especially students.

Joining a board requires working as part of a team. How would you describe your ability to work on a team? The role you think you will play as part of this team?

I am a people person. Very outgoing and love working as a team to get things done. I think I will be very helpful especially since I have been on the elementary, middle, and high school PTA/PTSA level.

A 15th District PTA Board position is an important commitment. Are you able to give the time necessary to fulfill this role and to attend all PTA board meetings and events?

I believe I am able to fulfill this role and attend board meetings and events.

Treasurer Candidate
Elizabeth Hammer

What PTA positions have you held in the past and what PTA/PTSA are currently a member of?

I am currently the Treasurer for St. Matthews Elementary PTA. I have held this position off/on for the past 8 years. I have also served as VP of Membership.

What prompted you to seek this position?

Looking to expand my horizons. See where else I can offer my support and time. I am also a number geek.

What about the position excites you and why do you want to join the 15th District PTA Board?

I love being involved in my kids education. I want to be an advocate for them and know what is going on. I have loved being the Treasurer at St. Matthews. I love working on the budgets and being involved in decisions about how we spend our money to best support our school. Looking forward to being involved at the District level.

Will you be comfortable being an ambassador or advocate for our association and our mission which includes National PTA Resolutions and Position Statements? If so what makes your passionate about our association?

Growing up my mother and father were both very active in the PTA and school events. I knew that when I became a mother I wanted to do the same. I believe that if your child(ren) see you involved and supporting their education they will see the value and importance of it.

Joining a board requires working as part of a team. How would you describe your ability to work on a team? The role you think you will play as part of this team?

I have worked at Humana for about 22 years now. The majority of the work/projects that I have been involved have required being a part of a team. I have also been very involved at St. Matthews Elementary, not only on the board, but school events, room mom; all requiring to work well with others. I feel that I am easy to get along with and open to all suggestions.

A 15th District PTA Board position is an important commitment. Are you able to give the time necessary to fulfill this role and to attend all PTA board meetings and events?

Yes.

Secretary Candidate
Anna Elder

What PTA positions have you held in the past and what PTA/PTSA are currently a member of?

Past:

- Room Parent Chair, Boxtops Coordinator - Laukhuf Elementary
- Secretary, Treasurer - Western Middle School for the Arts

Current:

- member of duPont Manual High School (not on board)
- 15th District PTA Secretary

Non PTA:

- Treasurer of the Producers, a non-profit parent organization supporting the Youth Performing Arts programs at duPont Manual High School

What prompted you to seek this position?

The 15th District Board supports and connects volunteers that share a passion for ensuring success for all children. I want to share in this focus for numerous reasons. One reason is that it is important to show my daughter the benefits of volunteering, both to others and for your own personal growth. Last year I enjoyed the opportunity to begin learning about the ways the 15th District PTA supports the local and state PTA. I look forward expanding my role and sharing much of what I learned with new board members and local PTA officers.

What about the position excites you and why do you want to join the 15th District PTA Board?

PTA is a way to connect. I want to help facilitate that connection. The secretary's roll in internal board communication is important in keeping the team informed and moving in the same direction as well as maintaining continuity across board terms.

Will you be comfortable being an ambassador or advocate for our association and our mission which includes National PTA Resolutions and Position Statements? If so what makes your passionate about our association?

Yes. My passion in working with PTA is driven by the understanding of the measurable impact that one strong cohesive voice can have when shared by many enthusiastic individuals. Individual ideals blossom into action, locally by providing resources and programs to all children to nationally advocating for issues important to parents and teachers.

Joining a board requires working as part of a team. How would you describe your ability to work on a team? The role you think you will play as part of this team?

I thrive in a collaborative environment. I will be an enthusiastic team member, working along side the other committed board members to empower our district families and advocate for all children. My focus in teams is always on the goals and results; I view my individual role as adaptable to the needs of the team.

A 15th District PTA Board position is an important commitment. Are you able to give the time necessary to fulfill this role and to attend all PTA board meetings and events?

Yes. I will make every effort to attend all board meetings and events and to represent 15th District PTA in a genuine, respectful manner.

Secretary Candidate
April (Johnson) Zimmerman

What PTA positions have you held in the past and what PTA/PTSA are currently a member of?

I have not held any positions within PTA/PTSA but I have been very active with other organizations.

What prompted you to seek this position?

I want to positively influence education and encourage involvement of parents and other stakeholders.

What about the position excites you and why do you want to join the 15th District PTA Board?

I am a very strong advocate of education and students and being vocal when it comes to the effects of community involvement within education and students and how it takes a village to raise a child.

Will you be comfortable being an ambassador or advocate for our association and our mission which includes National PTA Resolutions and Position Statements? If so what makes your passionate about our association?

Yes, I will be an advocate for PTA and I am passionate about getting community and parents involved in educating our youth. Education is more than just teachers/educators in a school but the whole community educating youth during all events/ all day, every day!

Joining a board requires working as part of a team. How would you describe your ability to work on a team? The role you think you will play as part of this team?

I am a go-getter and an advocate/ educator first and foremost. I will be active and an active listener with fresh, new ideas.

A 15th District PTA Board position is an important commitment. Are you able to give the time necessary to fulfill this role and to attend all PTA board meetings and events?

Yes, I am able to attend meetings and events and to fulfill any PTA role.