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**Nominee Qualifications****Tell us why your nominee should serve on Ben Franklin Academy's Board of Directors.**

After four years on BFA's School Accountability Committee, I am ready to take the next step in serving our BFA parent and student community. I have learned so much about how our school operates – I've reviewed every policy, helped create the parent and student surveys, provided recommendations to the board, and, most importantly, encouraged parent engagement. Along with my background as a teacher, I feel I could bring a well-rounded perspective to the governance of BFA. I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve in a more meaningful role in supporting positive changes at BFA to keep us moving forward with the ever-changing dynamics of the educational environment.

I have held many roles in the SAC Committee: Chair for two years, Vice Chair, and this year I am the DAC liaison. I attend monthly DCSD District Accountability Committee meetings to learn about changes in our district and encourage greater understanding between the district and charter schools. I am an advocate for BFA and the charter community. As a board member, my priority would be to give parents every opportunity to engage, be informed, and give feedback to BFA. Because I have been listening and giving recommendations for the past four years on SAC, I want parents to feel that I hear you loud and clear.

**Nominee's Biography, include other charter school experience.**

I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Students from Texas State University. I have five years experience teaching at the elementary school level. During those years, I took advantage of every opportunity to further my education by becoming trained in gifted & talented (GT) education, ESL certified and serving on our literacy collaborative committee. I continued my passion for education outside of my classroom by helping students and teachers through leading small groups to prepare for standardized testing, mentoring a first year teacher and mentoring a student teacher.

Since becoming a parent, I've continued to stay involved in my community by leading a Mom's group, running the finance side of my MOPS group, being a room parent, plus serving on the SAC Committee at BFA. Being

involved is so fulfilling and I'm happy to bring the parent, student, and teacher perspective.

**What role do you see the nominee playing on Ben Franklin Academy's Board of Directors?**

I would be proud to represent the parent and student perspective that I have heard the past four years via the parent and student surveys. I also bring the teacher perspective with my understanding of curriculum, the many ways students learn, and the benefits of being at a school that offers the support of a large parent volunteer group.

Accountability and transparency are important requirements of the SAC - I would want to ensure that those aspects are represented by the board as well. When voting, I will solicit parent feedback and encourage parents to attend board meetings. For many years, I have heard your concerns, praises, and comments – now I want to be able to act upon them in a more meaningful role.

**What strengths/experience do they bring to the Board?**

Fellow BFA parents often tell me that I am very diplomatic. I take time to listen and share the process to insure feedback is heard at all levels. As a board member, I would continue to solicit feedback from multiple perspectives to give parents confidence that their voice is represented.

My experience on SAC as Chair, Vice Chair, and DAC Liaison has given me insight into what matters most to parents and students. I'm knowledgeable of BFA's operating policies, curriculum, student performance data, and community culture. Because I attend board and district meetings, I'm always aware of what is happening at our school, as well as at the district level.

My job in sales has reinforced the importance of listening to feedback from my customers to help facilitate a positive experience and navigate the choices to make sure they are the best fit for their budget and situation. This experience of helping people find a solution comes naturally to me, and I'd like to utilize it as a board member.

**Is the nominee willing to commit to attend board meetings each month and events each year, in addition to spending some time on committee work?**

Yes, I have already committed to four years with the SAC Committee attending monthly meetings and am ready for the next step. These four years also included attending many DCSD district meetings, Board meetings, and DAC meetings on top of my responsibilities to the SAC Committee.

**Please share anything else you want us to know about the nominee.**

As a board member, my primary goals would be increasing parent engagement, and streamlining our volunteer website. I would like to see all volunteer opportunities in one location so parents can easily find ways to volunteer within their schedules.

I have three children at BFA in 4th, 1st, and Pre-K. Ever since my oldest daughter started preschool at BFA many years ago, I have been interested in contributing more to our school through a position on the Board. However, I knew I needed to work my way up to the position by first learning about BFA's finances, operational policies, curriculum, and strategic vision. Each year, I took on more responsibilities from helping out at class parties, to being the Vice-Chair for the SAC Committee, a room parent, being the SAC Chair, and currently as the DAC Liaison. I think it's important that board members have prior experience serving on a committee, attending district events, and interacting with the board at meetings. I have had the pleasure of presenting parent feedback at several board meetings, as well as working with four different board liaisons while serving on the SAC Committee. I understand the time commitment necessary for this role and would be honored to have the opportunity to serve our community.