

## Biography and Questionnaire for Jason Page

Your Name: Jason Page

Number and grade of children in your family enrolled at BFA: 1 child in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Number of years your family has been at BFA: 3

Brief biography, including any charter school experience:

- Married for almost 15 years to Holly and Dad to Abigail, 2nd grader @ BFA
- Grew up in New England (yes, I am a Patriots fan)
- Hold Bachelor's degree in Music Education and Master's degrees in Leadership and Business Administration
- Worked in education, entertainment, government, consumer electronics, mining, and energy industries
- "Fun" job; Musical Director for Celebrity Cruise lines, 2004-2006 (yes, I lived on a cruise ship)
- Currently an IT manager for Flexential (Cloud services company)
- Live in Highlands Ranch, CO
- Served on STEM committee @ BFA last year
- Enjoy cooking, hiking, swimming, tennis, reading, travel, carpentry

Number of BFA Board meetings and events have you attended this school year: Community events: 8

In 100 words or less per question, please answer the following:

Describe the ideal relationship between the BFA Board and the BFA community:

The board is an elected body chosen to do the will of those who voted them into office. The board should not operate in a vacuum, but proactively communicate what is currently being discussed as far as decisions that need to be made, the 'why' of the choices being made regarding those decisions, quick and honest ownership of any mistakes that have been made and the processes being put in place to not have those happen again, and maintaining a true two-way communication path to ensure all voices are being heard from the community.

What are the current challenges facing charter school boards?

The biggest challenge with most charter schools is the fight to even exist. School choice was championed on both sides of the political aisle just a few decades ago, but it is a much more polarizing issue today. Also, the challenge of maintaining high standards while retaining quality faculty also weighs heavily on today's charter school boards. Finally, as first and second waves of students mature out of these

schools, the challenge of keep enrollment numbers high to maintain funding levels certainly needs a high priority for the modern charter school board as well.

What motivates you?

My faith and my family motivate me to continually strive to become a better person today than I was yesterday. Sometimes I fail miserably at this, but I pick myself up, dust myself off, forgive myself and ask forgiveness of others for my failings, and take the next step forward.

Share any personal aspirations you would like to achieve by serving on the BFA Board:

If I am elected, I look to become a better leader of others, a better listener to others ideas and opinions, a better thinker of all possibilities and strategizer of what *could be* at BFA in the future, and a better parent, understanding a bit better the struggles our students deal with on a day-to-day basis.

Describe a moment when you knew BFA was the right school for your family:

The day my wife called me, crying, and told me we won the lottery and that Abigail would be attending BFA beginning in kindergarten. This was almost a year before we would formally join BFA, but hearing many of our friends' stories of success, joy, and happiness surrounding their kids' experience at BFA, we were overjoyed that we too would hopefully experience the same. So far, BFA has surpassed our expectations and we are so glad to be a part of this special community. We knew even then that BFA was the right school for our family.