

BEN FRANKLIN ACADEMY PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION
2021 PTO ELECTIONS - CANDIDATE BIOS (In Alphabetical Order)

Updated as of May 1, 2021

DENISE BATTISTA

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 2

Grade of each child: Kourtney 5th grade and Kaden 4th grade

How long your family has been at BFA? Our children have attended BFA since 2013. They both started in the 3 year old preschool classroom at BFA.

How many PTO Meetings you have attended in 2020-21? All of them thus far.

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I have been on the PTO since 2015. The first 2 years I was the Spirit Night Coordinator. I then spent 3 years as the Sponsorship Committee Manager. This year, I made the move to the Executive Committee and currently hold the Vice President role.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? Since the time that we began our journey at BFA, I have been very passionate about the school. I love the values and disciplines that it teaches our children and the foundation on which it was built. One of the things that attracted us to BFA, was the requirement to volunteer and the ability to become involved in our children's education. About the time that we started at BFA, I was able to stop working and became a stay at home mother. I realized that I was in a position to volunteer and became involved in the school and helping where I saw opportunity. I started attending PTO meetings and quickly realized how much I learned every time I attended, and really enjoyed becoming part of the BFA community. After 6 years on the PTO, this position is a natural progression for me. As the current Vice President, I have been able to mentor under the current President. This, coupled with my past PTO experience have given me a great view of what it will take to be successful in this role. My prior professional career in sales and marketing/project management with large corporate America, as well as my B.S. in Finance allow me to bring a sense of organization and discipline, which is required in this role.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? In addition to 6 years on the PTO, every school year that we have attended BFA, I have been either Room Parent, or Assistant Room Parent for one of my children's teachers. I really enjoy helping the teachers out where I can. I also have done various volunteering in the classroom, field trips, Thursday folders, Art room, ect. over our time at BFA. This school year I have been able to attend (via zoom) most of the Board Meetings as well.

Is there anything else you would like to share? I have a deep appreciation and respect for those who have taken their time and passion to make BFA the amazing school that it is. In the President's role, I plan to uphold the standard that has been set in place before me.

ERIN BOARDMAN

Number of children enrolled at BFA: I have 2 children at BFA

Grade of each child: Logan will be in 3rd grade 2021/22 school year and Sierra will be a Kindergartener!

How long has your family been at BFA? Next year will be our 4th year at BFA

How many PTO meetings have you attended in 2020-21? This past year I have attended all but 2 PTO meetings

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I feel like this year I really learned a lot about what it takes to put together a yearbook and enjoyed working closely with Ms. Svensen, the yearbook elective teacher, Andrew, from Walsworth Yearbooks, and the junior high kids who make up the yearbook staff. I hope to continue working with them next year to produce quality yearbooks our kids will be able to look fondly back at many years from now.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? I have a background in Photography (as well as medical imaging) and enjoy organizing and editing images. I loved working closely with the yearbook kids and Ms. Svensen. Covid kind of got in the way of some of that this year, so I'm hoping next year I'll have more opportunities to be even more hands on. I'm very excited to see the printed version of this years yearbook! The girls, Ms. Svensen, Andrew, and I worked really hard on putting it together!

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? In "the before times", I loved helping out at my kids class parties, going on field trips, volunteering for lunchroom duty, and helping their teachers with outside-the-classroom tasks. In the future, I would love to volunteer to help in the Art Room or the library!

Is there anything else you would like to share? I love being part of the BFA community! I feel fortunate that my kids have the opportunity to attend such an amazing school. The teachers and staff are really exceptional and I look forward to many more years at Ben Franklin!

ANNA BURT

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 1

Grade of each child: 6th

How long has your family been at BFA? 8 years

How many PTO meetings have you attended in 2020-21? About half

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I'm here for the cake walk ;)

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? Experience

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? Room parent, lunch help party volunteer, chaperone for outdoor Ed.

Is there anything else you would like to share? It was an honor to be nominated.

LEXIE CHRISTENSEN

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 2

Grade of each child: 2nd and kindergarten

How long has your family been at BFA? 2nd year

How many PTO Meetings have you attended in 2020-21? 0

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? Our family has loved being in the BFA community. I'd love to give back and be more involved in what's going on in the school both in the classroom and at other events/activities. Serving on the PTO would be a great way to do that.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? I am very organized and am a planner. I am creative and able to find solutions to problems even in a time crunch.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? I am a room parent for my kindie and the assistant room parent for my 2nd grader. I've volunteered both in the classroom and at home doing all different things from decorating the bulletin board to planning holiday parties to organizing math curriculum.

Is there anything else you would like to share? We love BFA, all the students, families, teachers and staff and I look forward to being more involved and volunteering.

EWELINA CHRZANOWSKI

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 2

Grade of each child: Kindergarten and 5th grade

How long has your family been at BFA? This is our first year with BFA

How many PTO meetings have you attended in 2020-21? 3 meetings attended

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I would like to be more involved with school and pto

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? I think I would be a good fit for this position because I love celebration by birthdays and thought this position would be a good start to get more involved!

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? This year has been more difficult but I have participated in the trunk or treat, attended pto meetings and currently volunteering for sweetheart dance.

Is there anything else you would like to share?

KRISTIN CLARK-BRETCH

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 2 currently (3 next year)

Grade of each child: Baryn is in 6th Grade this year, Koralie is in 1st Grade this year, and Duke will be in Preschool next year.

How long has your family been at BFA? This is our 3rd year at BFA (technically this is Baryn's 2nd year at BFA, Koralie's 3rd year, and Duke will start this fall).

How many PTO Meetings have you attended in 2020-21? 2 via zoom so far this year.

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? As my youngest kiddo gets older, I will have a little more time (and free hands) to spend more time helping to make our school a better place. I normally

like to be involved in my kiddos school just to help where and when I can, which I have always done. I believe that the more involved parents are in their kids' school, the better the school is, and also the better the education is for the kids. It simply makes the school stronger, having more help and more involvement from people who care. I would also like to meet more parents at BFA.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? For Room Parent Coordinator & for Welcoming Committee Manager: I have been a room parent for the last 8 years, including two of those years, I was room parent for 2 classrooms. I enjoy planning the parties and being a point of contact for information or random other things. I enjoy people and conversing with them, so this is a great line of "work" for me. My kids have always helped me plan the parties and come up with ideas for crafts, games, treats, etc and they have enjoyed participating in this way too.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? I have been the room parent every year for both of my kiddos in school now, including some years I was for both of their classrooms. Besides that, I tend to help inside the classrooms mostly... sorting homework folders and various tasks the teachers have asked for help with (this year has been challenging though for volunteering inside the classroom), also science lab and library visits. Occasionally I will do other random things that the school has needed help with that works in my schedule.

Is there anything else you would like to share? I am eliminating a couple previous time commitments in my life because I would like to spend more time helping at my kids school. I look forward to doing this in one capacity or another. Hoping we can be more active in the school again next year!

JACQUI CONDON

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 1 currently, but 2 in the 2021-2022 school year

Grade of each child: next school year I will have a Kindergartener and 2nd grader

How long has your family been at BFA? 2019

How many PTO meetings have you attended in 2020-21? Unfortunately I was not able to attend any, but even if I am not elected to the position next year, I plan to attend as many as possible. I am constantly impressed by what the PTO does for and with the school and would love to be a part of it, even if just on the periphery.

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I want to be more involved with the school (aside from recess duty and cutting fabric steps at home). I also want to help with social events and fundraising, which fit with the BENefit Bash Procurement position.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position?

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? I have volunteered for lunch duty, recess duty, Field Day, was a room co-parent for Kindergarten and have done remote volunteer projects as well. I attended the BENefit Bash in 2019 and had such a great time dressing up, meeting other parents and teachers and getting to connect outside of the school.

Is there anything else you would like to share? I look forward to attending PTO events and supporting the PTO in any way I can next year. I hope we can get back to in-person events soon and I know the PTO is always working to do what is best for our BFA families and the school.

ERIN CROWE

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 2

Grade of each child: 4th and 1st

How long has your family been at BFA? We have been a part of the BFA community for three years now.

How many PTO Meetings have you attended in 2020-21? 6

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I love being involved in what is going on at my kids school. I also love to be able to give back to the community that has been an enormous blessing for my family.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? *Room Parent*- As a former teacher I know the difficulty of managing a classroom in addition to planning my own class parties all while not having much community support. I feel it is so important to have in place a position like this one in order to support our teachers in any way we can. I am organized, timely, and communicate well.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? *Teacher Appreciation*- As a former teacher I know how hard these amazing teachers we have work for our kids. I want to help them feel appreciated and supported throughout the school year. They deserve it! I am organized, timely, and communicate well.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? In addition to my role this year as the Teacher Appreciation Committee Chair, I volunteer for one of the Daisy troops here at BFA, fill classroom Thursday folders, attend PTO meetings, and Board meetings. In previous years I have volunteered in the art room, the library, sweetheart ball, gone on field trips, and updated the PTO bulletin board.

Is there anything else you would like to share? I look forward to hopefully sharing another year on the PTO and contributing to our community.

COLLEEN CRAWLEY

Number of children enrolled at BFA: One

Grade of each child: Our daughter is currently in First Grade with Mrs. Bauer

How long has your family been at BFA? Hadley started at BFA as a preschooler! Currently on our third year!

How many PTO Meetings have you attended in 2020-21? Unfortunately I have not attended any PTO meetings this year. With Covid, remote learning, and a new baby...I haven't been able to attend. Obviously I know this will change!

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I am interested in serving the BFA PTO because I wholeheartedly believe in the values of BFA both at school and at home. BFA has become a second home for our daughter, a place she feels loved and safe, and she LOVES everything about her school and community. I want to serve the PTO to continue the traditions the school has established, and to ensure it's a wonderful school and community for years to come!

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? I am a good fit for this position because I am motivated to serve the school, create community, and help our sweet kiddos celebrate their special days! I love when children feel special and recognized...

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? Pre-Covid, I was involved at BFA in a few different ways. I was on the party committee for my daughter's kindergarten class, volunteered in the classroom, and attended the field trip to Hudson Gardens. I also helped out in science lab and art! In addition, I helped with Landshark (running) practice!

Is there anything else you would like to share? I am the mom of two daughters! Our oldest is in first grade and our youngest is 6 months old (time flies!). I am an ER nurse at Children's Hospital right down the street from BFA! I truly love the community we live in and have created!

JEANNE DEFAUW

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 1

Grade of each child: 5 & 3

How long has your family been at BFA? 6 years

How many PTO Meetings have you attended in 2020-21? I'm terrible about attending meetings, but I always get my PTO work done!

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I can use my skills as a graphic designer to help the school

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? I can use my skills as a graphic designer to help the school

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? I've been on the PTO for 2 years, and volunteer at the school (except for covid)

Is there anything else you would like to share? Nope!

CHRISTINA DILLEY

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 1

Grade of each child: Preschool

How long has your family been at BFA? 2 years

How many PTO Meetings have you attended in 2020-21? 4

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I love to be involved with my daughters school. To be a present parent and know what is going on at school is very important to me. I believe a PTO is a strong framework for success of a school and brining the school and parents together for our children.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? I have a strong event planning background and connections within the event industry. I can manage teams and volunteers and get along with several types of people.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? None so far, having a child in preschool, but volunteering as much as possible, pre-COVID, in the classroom.

Is there anything else you would like to share?

KATIE DUNCAN

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 3 children

Grade of each child: Hayden (4th), Owen (3rd), and Kendall (1st)

How long has your family been at BFA? 5 years

How many PTO Meetings have you attended in 2020-21? 2 meetings

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? Our family adores Ben Franklin Academy and I want to give back to this amazing school community in a meaningful way.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? Celebration is my middle name. Celebrating any and all of life's special moments is a passion of mine. BFA's teachers and staff are so deserving of feeling loved and appreciated, especially on their birthdays, and I'd love to make a big impact in this very special way.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? In previous years, I've loved spending time in the classroom, helping teachers and staff, doing bulletin boards, and this year I am a Co-Room Parent for Mrs. Triplett's class. I also co-lead an amazing group of 1st grade BFA Daisies.

Is there anything else you would like to share? Helping people feel seen, loved and celebrated is truly one of my greatest gifts. I would be honored to serve BFA in this way.

SAGE FELUX

Number of children enrolled at BFA: As of now we have one child at BFA.

Grade of each child: Currently we have a first grader, (Waverly) and we will have a kindergartener (Palmer) starting in 2022. I plan to be involved with the PTO for years to come!

How long has your family been at BFA? We came to BFA in 2018 when our daughter started Pre-K.

How many PTO Meetings have you attended in 2020-21? So far I have only been to one PTO Meeting. I am currently in my last year in a very time consuming volunteer role and ready to move on from that and become involved at BFA! Next year I will have much more time to commit to the PTO.

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? We are so proud to be a part of BFA. It is an amazing school with wonderful teachers and staff. However, our family believes that it truly takes a

village. The teachers and staff can't do it all. I want to help to continue to make our school the best it can be for our children and our school community.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? I feel that I would be a good fit for a number of positions for several reasons. As mentioned, I have served as a volunteer in another group for 7 years. During that time I was a member of the Hospitality Team and the Welcome Committee. Eventually I served as coordinator for both teams (at different times!). I have experience organizing events both online and in person for a large group. I am organized and an excellent communicator. I am a strong leader as well as a confident writer and public speaker. I am creative and would strive to bring new ideas and light to any position. My husband tells me that one of his favorite things about me is that I always give whatever I do my all. I am all in and I will jump right in with both feet.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? During our first two years at BFA I have volunteered in various ways such as class parties, Veterans Day, Donuts with Dads, Daisy Troop, field trips (last year!), attended board meetings via zoom and more.

Is there anything else you would like to share? I am looking forward to getting involved, making a difference in our school community and fostering relationships with BFA teachers and parents!

ANNE GIUSTI CHACON

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 1

Grade of each child: 3rd

How long has your family been at BFA? 3 years

How many PTO Meetings have you attended in 2020-21? 8 meetings

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I love being a part of an amazing community and being able to give back to BFA is really important to me. I loved being on the Sponsorship/Fundraising Team and working with Brooke was fun.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? I have connections with businesses of our community and being able to re-connect with them is rewarding.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? I have been a room parent for 2 years and helped out volunteering in any possible way I could. With the Ben Bash to the Mommy and son dance. I love being able to help out.

Is there anything else you would like to share? I am very grateful for the BFA community.

MANDY FLAHERTY

Number of children enrolled at BFA: I have two kids enrolled at BFA

Grade of each child: 2nd and 4th Grades

How long has your family been at BFA? Our family has been at BFA for 3 years now

How many PTO meetings have you attended in 2020-21? I have attended 4-5 PTO meeting this year

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I'm interested in serving in the BFA PTO again because I like being a part of the activities first hand and helping with input on those activities as well as knowing what is in the works.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? I would be a great fit for this for the Bulletin Board Committee manager because I have really enjoyed creating and putting together each month a new board and look forward to coming up with more in the future.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? have volunteered in the classrooms in years past and this year doing at home help for the teachers where I can. I've also helped with the sweetheart ball with decorations as well as contributing with the baking committee.

Is there anything else you would like to share? I definitely miss being in the school and classrooms this year and am really looking forward to getting back to a normal year soon!

RACHAEL HAMBURGER

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 2

Grade of each child: Danica is in 8th grade, Milo is in 4th.

How long has your family been at BFA? Our family has been at BFA since 2013.

How many PTO Meetings have you attended in 2020-21? 4

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I have served on the PTO for several years. It is important to me to contribute to my children's school, and I value the relationships I have made while volunteering on the PTO.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? *Online Store Committee Mgr* As the current Spirit Wear Committee Manager, I have experience with My School Bucks. I will work with other PTO members to meet deadlines in setting up products, turning sales on and off, and running reports.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? *Web Page Committee Mgr* I would be a good fit for the PTO Web Page Committee Manager because I enjoy writing, editing, and organizing. I would add content in a timely manner and ensure the web page served as a valuable source of information for parents and staff.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? I have volunteered in my children's classrooms, the art room and library, chaperoned several field trips, helped at STEM expos, and supported musical performances.

Is there anything else you would like to share?

EMERALD HOLDEN

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 2

Grade of each child: Currently 1st & 3rd grade

How long has your family been at BFA? 4 years

How many PTO Meetings have you attended in 2020-21? All of them as the current Treasurer

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I am interested in continuing to serve on the BFA PTO as I love helping our school grow and thrive in such a way that offers our students a positive environment where they can learn and grow in a challenging yet fun, creative, and safe setting while instilling life-long values. I also love getting to know our amazing teachers and staff at BFA and making them feel appreciated and valued, which is where the PTO definitely excels in! I also love being involved in my kids' school on a deeper level where I can help influence their educational experiences.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? I believe I would be a good fit for the Vice-President position as I have served on the BFA PTO Exec Board as Treasurer for the past two years where I have budgeted, accounted for, and analyzed all the PTO financial activities on a monthly basis which has given more financial transparency and accuracy to the BFA PTO and school community. I have seen and understand how all the "nuts and bolts" work behind the scene and have been fully immersed and involved in important decisions affecting our BFA students, teachers, staff, and community. I want to continue to serve on the Exec Board as VP so I can continue to help guide the BFA PTO financial decisions which affect our students' overall learning experience, school fundraising opportunities which directly affect our students and teachers, and show appreciation for so many wonderful parent volunteers and teachers in our BFA community.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? Before serving as the BFA PTO Treasurer, I was the Sweetheart Ball Committee Chair where I organized a special "Night Out in Hollywood" for our BFA girls and their special guest! I loved organizing this event which brought such joy and special memories for so many! Recruiting an amazing team to help me with this night was the key to success! Planning properly, organization, creativity, and managing the Sweetheart Ball budget was also important in leading a successful event.

Is there anything else you would like to share? No.

REINE LINDEN

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 3

Grade of each child: Kindergarten and 3rd grade

How long has your family been at BFA? 5 years

How many PTO Meetings have you attended in 2020-21? 2

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I love being apart of the PTO and helping the school!

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? I know most of the staff and love showering them with appreciation and treats.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? I've served as online store manager, PTO webpage committee chair and room parent and most recently a substitute teacher.

Is there anything else you would like to share? I'm really looking forward to next year!

NATALIE LUCERO

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 2

Grade of each child: Nori is in 4th grade and Nash in 2nd grade

How long has your family been at BFA? We've been at BFA for five years

How many PTO Meetings have you attended in 2020-21? I have attended five meetings this school year

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? The PTO is such a wonderful group of helpful parents that want to see the school be successful in so many different ways. I love being a part of that.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? I think I would be a good fit for SCRIP Committee Manager because I am currently in the role and it takes time, attention to detail, time management skills and organization. I am a reliable and detailed individual that enjoys busy work. Anything I can do that benefits the teachers and staff at BFA makes me happy!

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? I have served on the PTO in some capacity for four years. I have been a room parent for the last few years. I love volunteering at the school!

Is there anything else you would like to share? I

KRISTIN MCGEARY

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 2

Grade of each child: Will, grade 6 and Ella, grade 7

How long has your family been at BFA? We've been at BFA since our oldest, Ella, was in Kindergarten.

How many PTO meetings have you attended in 2020-21? I haven't attended any PTO meetings this year.

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I'm interested in getting involved because I feel there is a need for parental involvement to uphold our founding values. It's a good time for me since the kids are older. And, since I'm not currently working, I have the precious commodity of time. I was nominated for a few positions, so here's a brief statement on what interests me in fulfilling those roles -

Welcoming Committee Chair: Linking back to the importance of BFA founding values and virtues, I think it's important for new BFA parents to not only find community for themselves and their children, but also to begin to embody what BFA is all about. I'd like to learn what the prior Chair(s) have done, perhaps survey newer parents and see what they think was and would have been helpful as new BFA parents. I'd build upon whatever has been done.

Uniform Buyback Committee Chair: Honestly, I'm not sure about this one! I don't know what all it involves. But I am happy to speak with someone if none of the other roles seem right for me.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? Please see previous response.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? When the kids were younger, I was a Room Mom or Co-Room mom for a few years (Kindie, 2nd and 4th grade, I think) and took pictures for the school

yearbook. I also helped find donations for the Benefit Bash. There's been other helping and volunteering throughout the years, but were more one-off.

Is there anything else you would like to share? Not really, thank you for considering me! If you have any questions about what I've written, please feel free to reach out to me!

HANNI MCNELLIS

Number of children enrolled at BFA: As of now we have one child at BFA.

Grade of each child: Kindergarten (starting in the fall)

How long has your family been at BFA? 2 years (my daughter did preschool at BFA)

How many PTO Meetings have you attended in 2020-21? None

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I would like to be involved in Timley's school

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? Before I had kids I worked as a web developer, so I have a lot of experience working on websites.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? I have not yet, but am excited to get this opportunity to be more involved.

Is there anything else you would like to share? I am dependable, and I feel like this could be something that is very easy for me to do, considering my experience.

DEVI NALLAPPAN

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 2

Grade of each child: My daughter Deepa is in third grade and my son Karthik is in Kindergarten.

How long your family has been at BFA? This is our 4th year.

How many PTO Meetings you have attended in 2020-21? Sorry I have not attended any. Going forward I will make sure to attend them.

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I thought it would be a nice opportunity for me to help the school as well as a chance for me to meet other wonderful parents in our school.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? Basically I work in the IT field and since this role has to do stuff related to online I thought it will be a good fit for me and I can use my skills in this role.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? I have been an assistant room parent twice. I have also volunteered a few times in science lab , art lab and class parties.

Is there anything else you would like to share? Thank you for considering me for this role. I am looking forward to being part of PTO.

JANELLE NICHOLS

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 2 (3 next year- my youngest will be a Kindergartener in the fall)

Grade of each child: 1st and 3rd

How long has your family been at BFA? 5 years

How many PTO Meetings have you attended in 2020-21? 6

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I would love to get more involved in the BFA community, meet others, and help to make a difference in our school.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? *Room Parent Coordinator* During my time as a room parent, I experienced firsthand how important it is to have someone facilitating the communication between the PTO, our teachers, and other parents in the class regarding class parties and events. I would enjoy taking on the responsibility of helping to recruit and support room parents.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? *Teacher Appreciation* We have the best teachers and staff at BFA, and I know how hard they work to make sure that our kids have a wonderful experience! I would enjoy getting to help recognize and give back to them throughout the year.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? *Welcoming Committee Mgr* I remember how helpful it was to have friendly faces welcoming us to BFA! I would enjoy reaching out to new families, welcoming them to the community, and coordinating events for them so that their transition to BFA is as joyful as it can be.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? I have been a room parent, and I have helped coach the Landsharks Running Club for 5 years.

Is there anything else you would like to share? I am excited for the opportunity to serve on the PTO, and I look forward to potentially taking on a larger role in the BFA community!

STEPHANIE ORTIZ

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 2

Grade of each child: 3rd & 4th

How long has your family been at BFA? 6 years

How many PTO Meetings have you attended in 2020-21? 3 or 4

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I enjoy working with the PTO team and helping wherever I can.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? I've held this position during the 2020-2021 school year and believe I have met expectations.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? SAC, STEM, room parent, classrooms, etc

Is there anything else you would like to share?

JOSH PIERCE

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 2

Grade of each child: 5th & 8th

How long has your family been at BFA? Since our 8th grader was in kindergarten.

How many PTO meetings have you attended in 2020-21? All of them

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? Love volunteering and leading this group of Dads

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? Been going very well the past 2 years

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? Classroom volunteering, work days, helping Monte with projects

Is there anything else you would like to share? Looking forward to a normal school year with more events!

SUBASHRI SANKARA SADASIVAN

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 1 (My only daughter is in BFA 3rd grade)

Grade of each child: 3rd grade

How long has your family been at BFA? 4 years

How many PTO Meetings you have attended in 2020-21? None.

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? Was looking to get more involved with the school. PTO seemed to be an interesting place to contribute to, and to connect with other parents.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? I am very organized and manage things efficiently. I believe I can do justice in managing reservations of the Spirit Rock.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? Have volunteered in my daughter's class and at other events in the past.

Is there anything else you would like to share? Looking forward to volunteering, as the spirit rock manager.

BRIAUNA SMYTHE

Number of children enrolled at BFA: I currently have three children enrolled at BFA.

Grade of each child: My children are: Quinlan (8th grade), Kellen (4th grade), and Brennan (2nd grade)

How long has your family been at BFA? This is our seventh year at BFA.

How many PTO meetings have you attended in 2020-21? I've attended 4 PTO meetings this year.

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I am interested in serving on the BFA PTO because it is a great way to get connected to the school and other families, while also giving back.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? I think I am a good fit for the Marketing Committee Manager-Newsletter position because I have strong writing, editing and organizational skills. Also, having served in this position for the past four years, I have a good working knowledge of what the position entails.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? This year I have not been as involved outside of the PTO as I would normally have been due to Covid and the fact that our children have been doing remote

learning for the year. Normally, I enjoy volunteering in my sons' classrooms, in the science lab, and at lunch.

Is there anything else you would like to share? Thank you for your consideration!

KERI STREET

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 2 kids enrolled at BFA

Grade of each child: Brayden-4th, Cameron-1st

How long has your family been at BFA? 7 years

How many PTO meetings have you attended in 2020-21? 3 or 4

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? Love being involved in the school, getting to know other parents, and being able to help!

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? This will be my 3rd year as birthday birthday committee chair and I have a good system down! I enjoy writing out the birthday cards for our wonderful staff and doing my part for our school!

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? I volunteer within the school as much as I can. Obviously this year has been very different but normally I enjoy helping in the classroom, the library, the science lab and also doing Thursday folders.

Is there anything else you would like to share?

ALAINA TINNEY

Number of children enrolled at BFA: I have one daughter attending Ben Franklin Academy.

Grade of each child: Katelyn is in 2nd grade.

How long has your family been at BFA? We have been at BFA for 5 years.

How many PTO meetings have you attended in 2020-21? I have been to all the zoom PTO meetings during '20-'21 school year.

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? Since Katelyn started at BFA, I feel very passionate and fortunate to be more involved with her school's activities and education. I'm interested in being involved with the members that help make BFA the great school that it is.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? I feel I will be a good fit for Virtues Awareness Committee Co-Chair because I'm interested in helping the students learn the 13 virtues that BFA stands for.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? I have been the Box Top Committee Chair for the past two years. I love being able to volunteer in the classroom and in the art room. I have been a volunteer for field trips, the STEM Expo, and this year I have been attending the Board meetings by zoom.

Is there anything else you would like to share? I have lived in Highlands Ranch for the past 6.5 years and enjoy spending time with my family, friends and my pets. I have a degree in communications and minor in business. I have worked as a substitute teacher, event coordinator, and owned a spa doing

massages. I love being a SAHM and look forward to helping make my daughter's school a place she and all the other kids want to be at.

AMANDA TRENCK

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 3

Grade of each child : 6th, 4th & 3rd

How long has your family been at BFA? This will be our 8th year.

How many PTO Meetings have you attended in 2020-21? All but 1.

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I enjoy helping teachers and staff and being involved at my kids school.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? I think I would be a good fit for this position because I have been involved with the pto so long and know how this position works. I enjoy building relationships with business and in turn helping our school raise money.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? I have served as a Room Parent for 4 years, I have been the Birthday Coordinator and I am just finishing my second term on the Executive Board. I have been the Room Parent Coordinator on the Executive Board for 4 years.

Is there anything else you would like to share?

FAITH WAILES

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 2

Grade of each child: A daughter going into 2nd grade and a daughter in the Pre-K program.

How long has your family been at BFA? We have been a part of the community since 2018 when my oldest daughter started the Pre-K program with Mrs. McConnell.

How many PTO Meetings have you attended in 2020-21? I work evenings on Monday, Wednesday and Friday therefore I have been unable to attend any meetings. I hope to stay informed via emails and if zoom meetings continue maybe I could watch the recording.

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I have served on the PTO for several years. It is important to me to contribute to my children's school, and I value the relationships I have made while volunteering on the PTO.

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? I feel I would be a good fit as the Spring Social Committee Manager because I have experience organizing entertaining events. My work requires me to be involved in dances, competitions, open house celebrations, dinners and showcases.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? I have helped her teachers with organizing paperwork and really enjoyed organizing Juliet's Kindergarten Halloween party last year but I would like to get more involved with the school.

Is there anything else you would like to share? I'm looking forward to the opportunity to organize a fun way for Mom's and their son's to spend time together and make a memory to share.

DIANA YOUSSEF

Number of children enrolled at BFA: 1

Grade of each child: 2nd grade

How long has your family been at BFA? 5 years

How many PTO meetings have you attended in 2020-21? 5 or so

Why are you interested in serving on the BFA PTO? I would like to help the school and get involved

Why do you think you would be a good fit for this position? Helping teach virtues is something that I've been trying to do in our home, so I think it would be fun to be involved with the virtues of the school.

In what other ways have been involved at BFA? I'm helping with the stem committee and I helped with the website for the PTO in the past.

Is there anything else you would like to share?