

To all DaVinci Academy families and staff,

The DaVinci Academy Board of Directors annual election process has begun. The terms of three board positions are expiring this coming February:

- Teacher seat (currently held by Lenny Ulloa Silva)
- Teacher seat (currently held by Katherine Borg)
- Community seat (currently held by Jeff Dodge)

We now invite nominations of individuals to fill these positions. The teacher seats must be filled by a currently employed member of the teaching staff. The community seat must be filled by someone not otherwise affiliated with the school.

All of these positions carry three year terms, commencing in February 2021. The board asks that you seriously consider getting involved and participate in this rewarding opportunity. Nominate yourself or nominate someone who you feel has the competence and vision to provide skilled governance for our school. **Nominations are due by December 31, 2020.**

Please download the [nomination form here](#). A description of the nomination and election process is below, along with a description of current board needs. Our goal is to ensure that individual members of the board bring the necessary skills and commitment to continue our efforts to fulfill the mission, vision, and goals of our school.

CURRENT BOARD STRUCTURE

In accordance with DaVinci Academy's bylaws, our board of directors shall consist of at least five but no more than nine members, and will be comprised of at least two Minnesota-licensed teachers employed at the school, at least three parent/legal guardians of children enrolled at the school, and at least two community members who are neither employed at the school nor have children enrolled at the school. The remaining two at-large members can be from any one of the three categories.

Each board member brings skills that they contribute towards governing DaVinci Academy. As a result, our board membership includes a wide variety of professional backgrounds and competencies. Details on each of our current board members are available on our school's website, www.davincicharterschool.org, under the Board of Directors tab.

CURRENT BOARD NEEDS

Serving on the Board of Directors is an important role, one with high accountability to our family stakeholders, Friends of Education (our Authorizer), and the Minnesota Department of Education. The time commitment varies and can be large, yet rewarding. Such commitment is critical to the success of our school and the education of our children.

BOARD DIRECTOR SELECTION PROCESS

The election process will follow this sequence:

- All nominees will receive an information packet containing detailed descriptions of the requirements of board service. It will also contain a Candidate Questionnaire for each nominee to complete. Nominees must submit this completed questionnaire in order to become an official candidate for election.
- With the information from each candidate, the board will compile a Voting Guide that lists the candidates, their qualifications, and their views on school governance. All stakeholders will receive the Voting Guide on **January 15, 2021**.
- You will be invited to a Candidate Forum that will take place at the school during the school board meeting on **Monday, January 25, 2021 at 6:30 pm**. This forum will provide an opportunity to meet and question all of the candidates who are running for election. All candidates are expected to take part in the forum.
- Voting will begin on **Monday, February 8, 2021** and end at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, **February 22, 2021**.
- Election results will be announced at the school's Annual Meeting, which will take place at the school on **Monday, February 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.**

This election is critical to the continued success of our school. We are asking you, as members of the DaVinci Academy community with a strong vested interest in our school, to nominate potential board members (including yourself) using this "[Call for Nominations](#)" form.

Thank you for your consideration,

Melanie P. Persellin

President, DaVinci Academy Board of Directors