



Woods Charter School

Board of Directors Declaration of Candidacy 2018

Name: Amy Perkins

Date: 5/6/2019

I currently have children in the following Divisions (underline all that apply):

Elementary

Middle

High

Eligibility Requirements:

In order to serve on the Woods Charter School Board, applicants must meet the following requirements as per our bylaws:

The applicant must have a child currently enrolled at Woods Charter School.

The applicant cannot be an employee of Woods Charter School.

The applicant cannot be the spouse of an employee of Woods Charter School.

The Bylaws also state that a child may not have more than one parent on the Board at a time.

Statement:

I commit to upholding the mission and charter contract of Woods Charter School.

Signature (e-signatures accepted):

Amy H. Perkins Date: 5/6/19

Please complete this form, as well as Sections 1 and 2 which follow, and deliver to Kim Rossi in administration (krossi@woodscharter.org).

Submissions may be in either MS Word format (electronic) or handwritten hard copy.

- Handwritten version - print, complete, and submit via the Front Desk ATTN: Kim Rossi
- Electronic version - download, complete using MS Word, and email to krossi@woodscharter.org

SECTION 1 Please note that the information included in Section 1 will be published on our website exactly as submitted. This information will inform our parents as they vote for board members.

Relevant Experience and/or Employment: List pertinent professional, volunteer, and board of director experience (or attach brief resume).

I am a parent of middle and elementary school children at Woods Charter School. I have been a school board member for the past 3 years. I am a volunteer with the PTSA as well as in the classroom as needed for school functions, field trips, etc. I was a middle school teacher for 9 years. I still hold a NC teaching certificate in secondary science education. I am currently a preschool assistant teacher. I have a Masters in Education degree in secondary science education.

Strengths: What strengths do you bring to the Board? What area(s) of expertise/contribution do you think you can make?

Having been a voting member of the school board from the 2016-2017 school until now, I feel that I understand more of how the school board functions. I have been a member of the board development committee and the communications committee on the school board as well as acted as the school board secretary this 2018-2019 calendar school year. I look forward to continuing our work as a school board for another three year term.

Mission: Explain what the Woods Charter mission means to you. How do you think you could help support it? Further it?

I believe that Woods Charter school does empower students to achieve their full potential. I have seen this in my own children and many others. The Woods faculty and staff have a way about them that help bring out the very best in each student. From empowering them to try science olympiad for the first time in 3rd grade, to getting up on stage and singing a song at Cafe' night, to writing and performing a rap about Joan of Arc in their class, I've seen my own children feel brave enough to take a risk here because of the way they are nurtured by teachers, some whom do not even have them in class who know their names and genuinely care about them. As a board member, I will not lose sight of this mission to empower students in the decisions we make as a school board.

Reason for Serving: Why do you wish to serve on the board? What do you hope to accomplish as a board member?

My reason for serving on the school board is to give my child to a school that gives so much to my family. We love this school. Any way that we can help to support the school and its faculty, I am happy to do that. I have enjoyed being a voice for elementary and middle school parents as a member of the board for the past 3 years. I want to help make our school the best it can be.

Challenges: In your view, what are the biggest challenges facing Woods Charter School and how do you believe the school could address them?

The biggest challenge I see that Woods Charter faces is to make sure we are always looking to see what we can do and what we can learn from a different Woods Charter school to become the growing school that it is without thinking outside of the box. There is always another way to look at an issue or a situation that maybe we hadn't thought of it that way before. We can always strive to do better next time. For example,

the PTSA and Foundation joining forces. For years, these two entities have strived to better the school in their own ways, but now they will join together and work as one unit. Many schools have not tried this approach, but our school is open to trying something entirely new because we saw the need for change. I like to look at problems from all angles which is why I think I am a great person to have a position on the school board. We look at all aspects of an issue and come up with the best solution that we feel will benefit the school as a whole.

Other Commitments: Do you have any other volunteer commitments or serve on other boards? If yes, please list them.

Service: Please list all volunteering that you have undertaken at Woods Charter School to date.

School board member

PTSA teacher appreciation helper

Field trips

walking program volunteer

reading group helper