



Woods Charter School

Board of Directors Declaration of Candidacy

Name: Doreen Ray Messick

Date: May 5, 2022

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): Doreen Ray Messick

Date: May 5, 2022

Please complete this form, as well as Sections 1 and 2 that follow, and send to (cbryan@woodscharter.org). Please include a headshot in a jpg file.

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).

- Wakemed Raleigh Hospitalist (2007 - present): clinical responsibilities include caring for acutely ill inpatients as well as administrative duties including but not limited to serving as official scheduler of approx 70 physicians, serving on Hospitalist Leadership Committee and facilitating onboarding of new hospitalists
- Hospital Committees:
 - Emergency Department / Hospitalist Collaborative Committee
 - Wakemed Hospital at Your Home Team
 - Wakemed Hospital at Your Home Safety Committee
- Dual Board Certification: American Board of Internal Medicine, American Board of Pediatrics
- Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, member of American College of Physicians, member of Society of Hospitalist Medicine
- Pittsboro Elementary PTA Treasurer (June 2017- June 2018)
- Pittsboro Bicycle / Pedestrian Plan - Steering Committee (March 2019 - May 2020)
- Current Woods Charter School Board Member (Feb 2022-present)

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

I believe that my background as a physician as well as a current Board member will be an asset to the Woods school Board. We are still continuing through ever-changing challenges with COVID and I will be able to help the Board navigate recommendations for safety for all members of the Woods community. As always, this needs to be balanced with continued education and growth of the students and faculty.

I am very detail oriented which has helped me serve as Wakemed Hospitalist scheduler encompassing 2 hospital sites and 70+ physicians. I hope to continue on the Board and bring attentiveness to continued review of policies and actions of the school.

I have been involved in my own community by serving on the Pittsboro Bike and Pedestrian committee which helped produce a plan brought forth to the Town of Pittsboro Commissioners for future enhancements to Pittsboro. I believe this background gives me a strong perspective on community and safety.

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

“Woods Charter School empowers students to achieve their full potential. We develop young citizens equipped with a solid academic foundation, a passion for learning, and exemplary character.”

The Woods Mission statement encompasses the responsibility we have in the growth of the whole child. We, as a community of faculty, staff, students, and parents all play a role in the development of a child’s academic growth as well as their character. I hope to support the mission of Woods by continuing on the Board and developing policies that will continue to promote the growth of our kids.

I hope to further the mission of Woods by asking questions, seeking understanding and yet challenging policies or procedures when necessary. I think it is important to reflect on how things can be done better or differently moving forward. I would like to continue efforts to help the school be more engaged in systematic ways with parents and the community.

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

During the pandemic, I listened to nearly all of the Woods Board meetings as a concerned and curious parent. I submitted questions and comments to the Board. I wanted to be more engaged with the thought process behind the decisions that are made which impact not only my children but all children and additionally faculty and staff. I joined the Board midway through the 2021-2022 school year and feel that I have just begun to do meaningful work with communication and board development. I hope to continue to bring a perspective of physician and parent of students across multiple divisions of the school. I would like to see more organized parent involvement and improved communication between administration and families.

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

The Woods mission, I believe, does not rely just on fantastic teachers working hard each day to teach, but also families and community to support the endeavors of the school. One of the biggest challenges I believe facing Woods is a disconnection between administration and families. I believe that improved communication through a modernized website, school newsletters, and updates regarding grade level growth can be a first step in bridging the divide. I believe Woods needs to find ways to garner productive feedback that can then be translated into improved outcomes and foster retention of faculty and families. I would like to see improved fair access to transportation for students also.

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

No current other volunteer commitments

Governance Experience: If you have previously served on or worked with a governance board, describe the governance structure. Did you find this experience to be a positive or a negative?

I previously worked as the Pittsboro Elementary School PTA chapter Treasurer. The structure of the Board included President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer as well as at-large members. I found the experience on the PES PTA Board to be positive and one of great learning. I learned a lot about advocacy, as well as oversight of a non-profit organization.

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

- Walking program
- Field trip chaperone
- Cross country meet volunteer
- Woods School Board member (Feb 2022-present)