

TPCA BOD Nomination Questionnaire
Spring 2016 Election
Submission Deadline March 14, 2016
(Submit this questionnaire and a picture of yourself
electronically if possible)

I, Jim Schauer, would like to declare my nomination as a candidate for the Twin Peaks Charter Academy Board of Directors. Please answer the questions below for publication in the Howl.

1. Why did you choose TPCA?

As our oldest daughter was working her way through pre-school, my wife and I started to formulate opinions on what we wanted to see for our daughter in a school system. We wanted academics, social opportunities, excitement, and a community atmosphere. In looking at the different schools closest to our home, we met some parents who had kids at TPCA who had nothing but good things to say about TPCA. After meeting with some of the staff, we decided to put our name in the lottery, and our daughter got in. More than 10 years and two more TPCA students later, we are still here.

2. How have you been involved with TPCA?

My biggest involvement over the years has been serving on the Board of Directors, coaching the High School Girls Basketball Team, and participating on various committees since I started on the BOD in the Spring of 2011. In addition, you will see me at numerous events at the school such as concerts, dances, sporting events and volunteering.

3. Tell us about yourself?

I am proud to say that I am a Colorado Native. My father is from Ft. Collins and my mother is from La Junta. I grew up in Canon City, and graduated College from the Colorado School of Mines. My wife Kami (also a Native) and I have been married for almost 20 years, and have lived in Longmont since 1998. We have 3 daughters who are currently enrolled at TPCA, Hannah (10th), Natalie (8th), and Ella (4th). I currently work in Longmont. My hobbies are all about the kids that include coaching, volunteering at Twin Peaks, and continuing the good fight with my sprinkler system.

4. What do you offer the Board of Directors and the TPCA Community?

With my professional experience in engineering and as a manager, I have been involved in making employment decisions, and have experience in short and long term project planning and analysis. I have experienced that building a strong capable team is key to accomplishing the success of any organization. I also offer the perspective of watching my kids come through TPCA for the past number of years. I am excited about what I have been able to learn serving on the board over the years, and ready to use that knowledge going forward.

5. What do you see as the biggest challenge the Board will face in the next two years?

The biggest challenge is to improve and maintain the quality of education TPCA provides its students. We need to build our enrollment, and work on the economic issues that face our school every day. My desire and goal is to assure that TPCA provides all of our children with the best educational, social, and growth opportunities to equip them for the best future possible.

6. Why do you want to serve as a TPCA Board member?

With all of the change our school is seeing over the past 12 months, I would like to continue to work on the board to see it through. The opportunity to work with new ideas and challenges make the next couple of years very exciting time to be part of the BOD.

Also, I love children and watching them as they grow, change, and become who they are. I feel I have learned so much during my years on the board in working with the budget, faculty, curriculum, etc. that I would like to use that experience to help in providing the highest quality opportunities for our students to be able to succeed here at TPCA and in all their future endeavors. I would welcome the opportunity to continue to serve TPCA and all of those involved with it.