

# PIM ARTS HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-2020 TEACHER CANDIDATE SLATE

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## **CASSIE COLE, ENGLISH TEACHER**

Cassie has quickly developed a passion and enthusiasm for this community of creatives. Although her time *here* has been short, she has taught for six years, as well as an extensive background of performance in the arts. Her newness would allow her to see opportunities and obstacles with a different set of eyes, simply as a result of experience elsewhere. Understanding that decisions made at the board level have the ability to significantly impact the school's community would compel her to approach deliberation with reflection and thoughtfulness.

## **PAUL JOHNSON, SPECIAL EDUCATION CASE MANAGER/COORDINATOR**

Paul has been teaching professionally for 15 years, and is licensed in Social Studies K-12 and Special Education Emotional/Behavior Disorders 5-12. He taught for 8 years in Cambridge, Massachusetts before returning to Minnesota to teach in Minneapolis, Bloomington, and finally PiM. He is currently working to gain licensure as Director of Special Education and Principal through Hamline University. He is married to a wonderful spouse, Sarah, who works as a toxicologist supervisor for the State of Minnesota Department of Public Health, and they have (are owned by) two cats, Lloyd (Christmas) and Fiona.



## **JOANNA JENNIGES, SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER** *incumbent, appointed to fill vacated seat October 2017*

Joanna graduated from with a degree in Social Science Education in from North Dakota State University in 2013, and has been teaching social studies in Minnesota ever since. She has been with PiM/Main Street for 5 years, and has served on the board since 2017. Joanna currently sits on the Academic Achievement Committee, and has goals of seeing a rigorous educational environment for both the arts and academics.

## **ELLEN KLEMME, SCIENCE TEACHER**

Ellen Klemme enjoys teaching science here at PiM Arts High School. She has taught a wide variety of subjects, from physics to English as a foreign language to prenatal yoga, and enjoys complexity and nuance in questions. She also plays bassoon and supports our young artists. She has served on a different nonprofit board for several years and would look forward to engaging with the inner workings here at PiM.



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## **AMY BAKER, PARENT** *musical theatre, class of 2022*

Growing up with classical music training and performance opportunities, Amy values the arts in all forms and wished there was a high school like PiM when she was in school. In addition to her 25-year career in high tech marketing, Amy has previous charter school board experience in serving three years on the Board of Directors at Fraser Academy (now Spero Academy) from 2009-2011. She held roles as the Marketing and Fundraising committee chair where she spearheaded one of the largest fundraisers the school held to date. She also served one year as board chair where she gained a strong understanding of charter school governance, financing, facilities management and administration. More recently, she also served a year as a board member and Secretary of the Lionsgate Foundation, the non-profit fundraising arm to Lionsgate Academy charter school. During her tenure She helped lead fundraising initiatives including the annual giving breakfast which raises significant funds for the school. Amy looks forward to the possible opportunity to contribute her experience and skills to the PiM board.



## **ANN LACOURSE, PARENT** *musical theatre, class of 2022*

Ann is a Marketing Manager and Certified Project Management Professional at Bluestem Brands, Inc. located in Eden Prairie, MN. Throughout her twenty-three years in the marketing field, she has been responsible for strategic planning, writing policy and procedures, budget planning and management of budgets up to \$100,000,000. In addition, she was a learning and development leader at AAA Minneapolis from 2006-2016. She currently participates on the fundraising committee at Bluestem Brands, Inc. In the past she participated on the AAA National Brand Work Group, the Lifestyles Emerging Market R&D Project Team and the Strategic Analysis and Planning Group Exchange. She has been a resident of Belle Plaine since 2002. She is very passionate about education and the PiM community. She would use this role to ensure the PiM culture continues to be a place where uniqueness and creativity is valued. Her efforts and decisions would be focused on a community that provides a safe environment where the students feel comfortable collaborating with each other and adults for success. She is a visionary who is very goal oriented and believes her innovative ideas will be an asset to the PiM Arts High School Board.



## **LIZ MCALLISTER, PARENT** *musical theatre, class of 2022*

Liz McAllister currently teaches and directs at Minnetonka Middle School East and has done so for the past ten years. Liz was awarded her school's 2016 Teacher of the Year award and the 2017 Collaboration Award for her Direction of the Middle School Musical Program. From 2002 to 2017 Liz ran her own part time theatre school, StageCoach Theatre Arts with her husband, Simon McAllister. Liz was also a teacher/director at City Academy, the nation's first charter school. As an actor, Liz received her BFA from the Conservatory Training Program at SUNY Purchase and has acted on stages in New York, New Hampshire, and Minnesota. Liz loves her family, her dogs, race walking to music, reading and cooking. Liz is honored to be a part of the PiM Community.



## **BONNIE MEYER, COMMUNITY MEMBER** *incumbent elected June 2017; parent of alum, class of 2018*

Bonnie's passion has always been in working with individuals and companies to bring out their best qualities. She is the Owner of Meyer Business Consulting Inc. based in Burnsville and has enjoyed a career in Sales and Training in the Healthcare industry for over twenty years. She and her husband Steve have been happily married for 24 years. Bonnie has always been active in a volunteer capacity throughout her son's education, as a volunteer teacher in the Gifted and Talented Reading and as President of the Kenwood Trail Middle School PTO. She was a founding parent of the PiM Booster Program and volunteered at many occasions including Spark the Arts. She wishes to continue promoting awareness of all PiM offers. She strongly believes PiM Arts High School offers an incredible opportunity in education and wants to promote awareness of this to a wider base in the community. She has the belief that we can always contribute to and support our children during their education.

