

Chris Appleby

Good Day Parents.

My name is Chris Appleby and I am running as Parent Representative for School Council. I have a son in Grade 10 (late French Immersion) as well as a niece in Grade 9. I have been actively involved in school for many years. I served on School Council at Cowan Heights Elementary for 5 years (as Parent Rep. for 2 years, Vice-Chair for 1 and as Chair for 2). I also represented Cowan Heights on the West End High School Development Committee and have volunteered with the Scouting movement. I respectfully request that you vote for me as Parent Representative, and I will be the voice for you, the parents, on School Council. Thank You.

Lisa Inder

My name is Lisa Inder, and I am a parent of one of the new Grade 9 students at Booth. I have had a great deal of experience with youth, the school system and being a member of a School Council. From 2003 until 2011, I spent 8 years on the School Council at Cowan Heights Elementary School as the Secretary. I have worked with many schools around the city as a member of various ISSP teams as a result of my work. I am presently employed as a Developmental & Behavioral Practitioner with Eastern Health. I also volunteer with several agencies such as Street Reach, CASEY (Coalition Against Sexually Exploited Youth) and the St. John's Regional FASD Committee. I am very interested in becoming a Representative on the Booth School Council and feel I have a great deal to offer as a member of this group. Thank you.

Clayton Long

I am interested in volunteering for a position of parent representative on the School Council. I have been a parent representative on the Holy Cross Elementary School Council for six years and I am currently ending my term as chair on the Holy Cross Elementary Council. I would like the opportunity to serve as a parent representative on the Booth Memorial School Council. I currently have two sons, Grade 9 and Level 2, attending Booth Memorial High. The main reason I volunteer for school council is parental involvement in the School Council and in any volunteer capacity strengthens the school spirit, increases overall community involvement, and helps the student value school life a little bit more. Parental volunteerism helps provide many more extra-curricular opportunities and avenues to help all of our children find their niche, to discover and pursue their interest, and to grow into fine young adults. I believe our future standard of living as a nation is highly dependent on investing in our children of today. With growing world populations and increasing global competition pressures we need to encourage our political leaders to invest not only in oil and water, but also in our greatest resource, all of our children. In my term of School Council I will work with the council members to deal with current matters of the day in any capacity required whether it is to lobby the school board trustees or political leaders or to help a committee meet its goal. I will also work with our community representatives, community stakeholders, and the federation of school councils to lobby our political leaders and other stakeholders to invest in our schools. As we look forward to future developments and new infrastructure our council has to convey the message that "good facilities aren't good enough". We need state of the art facilities, programs and resources that will help each and every child excel, grow, and become our future leaders on the world's stage.

Paul Gosse

I am the father of two boys Nicholas Gr. 5 and Joshua Gr. 9 who is attending Booth Memorial High. Both my wife and I have been actively involved in volunteerism and amateur sport for many years. As well, my career in education has offered me diverse experiences and skills that would be an asset to a high school setting. My amateur sport volunteerism includes coaching house league (SJYS) and metro soccer, house league baseball (SJMB), Cowan Heights Youth Basketball (CHYBL), as well as coaching, officiating, and coordinating tournaments for several sports teams at the high school level. As well, I served as President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Tae Kwon Do Association and served on the Board of Directors of WTF Tae Kwon Do Canada. I have also been a member of the St. John's Kinsmen Club, and first aid instructor for St. John Ambulance. My career in education includes my current position as an eTeacher (with the Centre for Distance Learning and Innovation) teaching high school courses via the Internet (using Memorial University's distance education software and tech. support) into many smaller schools throughout the province. In addition, I was among the first teachers in the province to bring graphing calculator technology and interactive whiteboard technology to my classes. I understand the application, value, and pitfalls of many teaching technologies. I have spent the past 25 years working with various schools in St. John's which also affords perspective on successes and concerns unique to metro area schools. Over my career as a teacher, school administrator, program specialist (math 10-12), test development specialist (K-12) and instructor with the Faculty of Education (MUN), I am acutely aware of the many influences that affect students' day-to-day lives, their school experiences, and their achievement. My participation in national forums on mathematics and education, and presentations at provincial, national, and international conferences in the area of technology and teaching and learning have allowed me to see and talk with many educational leaders giving me a good sense of where we are and can go as a school. As we strive to make Booth an even more progressive place to learn, I would like to bring a proven sense of community and commitment, along with a solid background and interest in understanding how technology, our society, and education can work together, to maximize our children's time at Booth Memorial High School. Please consider voting for me as one of your parent representatives.

Janet O'Keefe

My name is Janet O'Keefe and I am the parent of two children at Booth Memorial – Emily, Grade 11 and Colin, Grade 9.

- Served 4 years on IJ Samson Jr. High Council (Sept. 2007 – June 2011) (Chair and Parent Rep)
- Served on St. Mary's Elementary Council (Sept. 2004 – June 2007) (Parent Rep)
- Actively involved in school committees/activities (Leadership, Grad, Drama, Book Fair, Fundraising, Teacher Appreciation, school closure battles)
- Directly involved in application submission and installation of Saturn Playground at St. Mary's Elementary.

Please support my application for a parent representative position on the Booth Memorial High School Council. Parent representation on council is important - it provides a way for parents to increase their awareness of school activities; it offers parents a voice in decisions affecting the children; and it gives parents an alternate venue for support. I, as a member of council, will be available to represent you in bringing issues to the school council's attention. Thank you in advance.

Shawn Williams

I would like to put my name forward to be a School Council parent rep for the next 3 yrs. I have a son that just finished grade 12 at Booth and a son just entering grade 9 at this wonderful school. I have a considerable amount of past life experience that I think would contribute greatly to the team.

Past board experience such as:

Past Elected Board Member Association of Professional Engineers

Past Elected President Eastern Chapter of the Association of Professional Engineers'

Past Elected President of CBC Credit Union

Past Elected President of Managers Association

Further, I have worked in senior engineering positions that have involved me in numerous committees and many difficult team challenges. For the past ten years I have operated an engineering and construction company. In this capacity I have been involved in many diverse challenges that have required unique and innovative solutions. I would look forward to serving as your parent rep on the Council. Thank You.