



Lionsgate Academy Nomination Biography

Thank you for your interest in running for an elected position on the Board of Directors of Lionsgate Academy. The Nomination Committee, in accordance with Lionsgate Academy By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, requires all nominees to provide the following information. Nominee Names, Connections with the School, and Position Statements will be made public to the Lionsgate Community.

Please return this form to the Nomination Committee by March 13, 2011.

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Connections with School (i.e., employee, current board member, past board member, parent, community member): Currently a Board member and a member of the Finance Committee

Position Statements:

Please limit your responses to the following questions to 150 words (maximum) per question.

1. Why do you want to be on the Board of Directors of Lionsgate Academy?

I am committed to helping LGA achieve its long-term goals and helping the organization as it matures and evolves. My wife is a licensed child psychologist who has worked with children on the ASD spectrum in her experience as a practicing child psychologist in the Twin Cities and in Cleveland, Ohio. She also has worked with the MN Autism Society and has a close personal friend whose daughter is autistic who she met through her position as an autism therapist 20 years ago. I am committed to giving of myself to the community and feel a strong connection to the LGA mission. I was recruited in early 2010 to serve on the board and I accepted because I saw a committed group of people with a vision trying to grow and improve the organization. As I have been involved first-hand, I would like to continue with the work we have begun as well as improve upon areas that are the next to address. With the approval to create the foundation, I would like to also be involved in helping raise funds for the school and help the school make connections and partnerships with Twin Cities businesses that could help grow the foundation and help enrich the school.

2. What strengths do you bring to the Board of Directors of Lionsgate Academy?

As I am already a Board member and a member of the finance committee, I have been involved and seen the improvements in the organization in the past year. LGA has made a big leap in financial reporting functions and an increase in the necessary financing activities necessary to allow the school to expand its enrollment so that it can meet the needs of more families. In any growing organization, there are always changes and improvements that can be made, and I think that I can successfully help in that process because of my experience in working with the LGA management team and the board. With 18 years experience in the investment and finance industry, I have seen first hand organizations that have succeeded or failed and understand what is needed from a “big picture” standpoint as well as the details needed to help an organization succeed. In addition, I have already invested significant time to effectively perform my duties on the board, as a finance committee member and have the willingness to spend time helping the foundation raise funds and appropriately invest those funds.

3. On what other boards/committees have you served?

I have been a member of the marketing committee of the Minnesota CFA Society. In this role, I have worked with other committee members to raise the awareness of the CFA charter to the general public and to help market the charter to other professional organizations to increase the overall base of professionals who could pursue a CFA charter.