

VOTING GUIDE

TO THE CANDIDATES
FOR ELECTION
TO THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ELECTION DAY
APRIL 21, 2017

COLOGNE ACADEMY
NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

INTRODUCTION

This *Voting Guide* will give everyone in the Cologne Academy community information on the candidates to assist in voting in the election. This election will be important for Cologne Academy, as parents and staff consider the strategic needs of the school.

The Overall Function of the Board

Board members have both a legal duty and an ethical obligation to ensure that Cologne Academy carries out its mission, vision, and goals. As stated in our charter approved by the State of Minnesota, our mission is to prepare students for academic success through excellence in literacy by integrating the Core Knowledge Sequence and create a content-rich learning environment that prepares K-8 children to achieve their best as students and as people of character who will contribute skill and knowledge to their communities. The board's job is to map out the strategies that will carry Cologne Academy into its successful future.

Therefore, as part of the Board of Directors, individual board members should think of themselves as stewards of the school – responsible for the long-term viability of Cologne Academy. Whether a parent, teacher, or community member, board members do not represent particular constituencies, but rather focus on the overriding interests and welfare of the school.

Needs of the Board

In order to make sure that the board has all the skills needed to chart Cologne Academy's strategic future, we ask you to consider candidates that would fulfill several existing needs on the board.

- Experience in governance (includes financial management and leadership)
- Experience in human relations (includes people management)
- Experience in facility management (includes capital needs planning)
- Experience as an attorney (includes school and government experience, if possible)

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SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Cologne Academy election for board members is scheduled for Friday, April 21, 2017. Here's what you can expect.

- Prior to Election Day, you will receive your copy of the Voting Guide sent via email. This guide introduces you to the candidates who are running for board positions. Extra copies can be obtained from the office.
- Absentee ballots will be sent home in your child's backpack or staff mailbox. An email will also be sent containing voting guidelines.
- Absentee Ballots may be returned to Cologne Academy by bringing them into the office before Election Day, sending ballot with your children, or by mailing your ballot to Cologne Academy. Mailed ballots must be received by mail delivery on Election Day.

OR

- **ELECTION DAY!** Polls are open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Stop into Cologne Academy to vote for the candidates of your choice.

Cologne Academy needs a strategic board to ensure that our school continues to grow and thrive. Voters need to cast their ballots for candidates who can take us there.



COLOGNE ACADEMY
CANDIDATE PROFILE

CANDIDATE NAME:

CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone:

E-mail address:

MY CONNECTION TO COLOGNE ACADEMY:

WHY I WANT TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

EXPERIENCE THAT I WOULD BRING TO THE BOARD:

AREAS OF EXPERTISE I COULD BRING TO THE BOARD:

THE CHALLENGES I SEE AHEAD AND HOW I PROPOSE HANDLING THOSE CHALLENGES: