

Elmwood School Council Candidate Bios

The Education Reform Act of 1993 established School Councils to increase collaboration among all school and community stakeholders to strengthen teaching and learning for all students. The parent representatives to the Council will meet regularly with the principal, selected teachers, and a community member to formulate a plan for improving our school. This is a 2-year position.

The candidates for **Grade 2 Parent Representative** are: (two positions are open)

Maureen Belger:

My husband and I have lived in Hopkinton for 6 years and have three daughters – Brigid 6th grade, Deirdre 2nd grade and Erin 1st grade. Since living in Hopkinton, I have been on the board of the Hopkinton Ed Foundation. As a board member I have had several roles including chair of the Gala, Golf Ball Drop, working with corporate sponsors, liaison between teachers and the grant committee. I have also held various HPTA positions over the years. As a parishioner at St. John's I teach Religious Ed and am the coordinator of the Women's faith formation group. I am also a Girl Scout co-leader. I would like to be on School Council to get a better understanding of the school and to work with the school's administration, faculty and other parents to help achieve the school's improvement plan and outline some goals for the future.

Jeff Crum:

Hi, my name is Jeff Crum, and I am running for School Council for Elmwood. My wife and I moved to Hopkinton in 2003, and viewed our beautiful community and the excellent school system as an ideal place to raise our family. We now have three children, our oldest of which is a second-grader at Elmwood, and two younger children who will be entering the school system in the years to come.

About me: Since moving to Hopkinton I have worked as a software product manager at a couple of technology companies in the area, developing business cases and driving market requirements for various software products. I have four college degrees, including an MBA, and I spent a couple of years working on the grant committee for the Hopkinton Education Foundation (HEF).

Why I'm running: While a stellar school system is the product of the community in which it resides, it is really the proactive efforts of the parents and families of current students that give a school that extra edge – that extra push – that raises the bar and enables the 'good' school to become a 'great' school. It is my desire, then, to leverage my passion to see that my own kids get an outstanding education in such a way that all of the students of Elmwood – my kids and yours – get the best experience possible. If elected I plan to make myself available to all of the Elmwood parents, so I can be a strong voice for all of us. That is why I am running, and why I am asking for your vote. Help me help make Elmwood great on behalf of all of our kids.

Cate Doherty-Waldeck:

My name is Cate Doherty-Waldeck and I am interested in serving as a parent representative on the Elmwood School Council.

My husband, Andy, and I moved to Hopkinton six years ago and have three children (Grace who is entering 2nd grade, Luke who is in pre-K, and Eli who will be two this fall). One of the main reasons we chose Hopkinton over other towns was its strong school system. I went to public school from K through grade 12 and care deeply about helping to make our community schools a great place to learn and grow.

To that end, I have volunteered over the past few years in various roles. Most recently I was the chair of the Hopkinton Education Foundation's grant committee and the School Council Coordinator for the HPTA. I have also followed the District's budget process closely and have submitted both verbal and written comments to the School Committee and Board of Selectman regarding funding and programming decisions.

I still plan to be active with the Education Foundation and HPTA this year. In addition, I would also welcome the opportunity to work with Mrs. Silver, the teacher representatives and other parents on the Elmwood School Council to help identify ways to continue to provide our 2nd and 3rd graders with an exceptional educational experience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tracy Trainor Hudson:

Tracy Trainor Hudson moved to Hopkinton just over two years ago as a result of a corporate move from New Jersey. Tracy has over twenty years professional experience within the pharmaceutical research and development industry. Tracy essentially began her career in business development working for small contract research organizations (CROs) and then made the leap to the Sponsor-side of research and development contracting in 2000. She has held positions with Aventis Pharmaceuticals as Global Operations Head for Outsourcing representing Japan, Germany, France and the United States as well as Associate Director of Clinical Operations Resource Management for Schering-Plough Corporation where she managed multiple processes leading 72 people. Currently, Tracy works as Senior Director, Contracts and Clinical Outsourcing for Sunovion Pharmaceuticals Inc located in Marlborough, MA. Sunovion is a newly formed merger between Daiichi Sumitomo Pharma Americas (DSPA) and Sepracor Inc. She leads a multi-state team located in both New Jersey and Massachusetts. On a personal note, Tracy is a mother of three children, Jack - aged 7 and an incoming 2nd grader at Elmwood School, Charlotte - aged 6 and an incoming 1st grader at Center School and Lucy - aged 4 currently enrolled at Christian Family Montessori in Holliston, MA. Tracy is a certified professional ski instructor holding her level two Professional Ski Instructor's of America (PSIA) certification and has volunteered, on occasion most recently fundraising for a Susan G. Komen Swing for the Cure golf tournament to be held in October 2011. Additionally Tracy served as the financial secretary for Prospect Presbyterian Pre-school and contributed to the most successful fundraising event in school history while in Maplewood, New Jersey. In Hopkinton, Tracy has focused on in school volunteering at Center School with Mrs. Rufo's full day kindergarten class and twice with Mrs. Denault's 1st grade class as a mystery reader and math volunteer while working full time. Tracy's husband, Heath has been a stay-at-home Dad since Jack's birth. Tracy holds a B.A. in Political Science/Philosophy and a B.S. in Mathematics from Clemson University, Clemson, S.C and her hobbies and activities include sewing, golf, family time and outdoor activities.