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RHPCS Board of Directors Candidate Bio

I believe that those voting for a candidate in any type of election need to be able to know where the candidates stand on certain issues. The issues at a charter school are of smaller scope than some arenas, but nonetheless, there are certain items that a candidate must take a stand on. I submit this bio to serve such a purpose of informing the voters. If this is the type of board member you would like, then vote for me, and if not then vote for someone who has the values you are looking for.

I believe every child has the same rights of respect, dignity, and kindness, regardless of age, gender, economic status, abilities, etc. I also believe this is true of the staff, administration, and parents.

I believe that personal preferences should be put aside when considering the issues that come before a board, and decisions should be made after gathering as much pertinent information as possible, and with the best interests of the school in mind. I wholeheartedly support the code of conduct which applies to the board of Rolling Hills.

Over the years, I have had experience with many types of schools, including Boise Schools, Hidden Springs Charter, Rolling Hills Charter, IDEA, IDVA, and IDLA. I have also homeschooled with my own written curriculum for my children. I've worked to meet the various needs from gifted children in GATE programs, 2E (twice-exceptional), to special needs, in a regular setting as well as with courses online. I understand about the many learning styles and environmental needs that affect the ability of children (as well as adults) to learn material. I also understand what it takes to make a computer or online course successful for more students. I feel that I would be able to offer valuable insight to the board as it considers on an ongoing basis how to meet the needs of every individual in the future. I understand the complexity required to make all the pieces fit for certain children, while at the same time trying to maintain a budget.

I have spent time earlier this school year teaching children at Rolling Hills Spanish, and I love these kids. I have an interest in seeing each of them become a successful, contributing adult. I'm still working on memorizing the first names of each of them. This school has a lot going for it in spite of the challenges it faces, and I am committed to helping as a board member find the solutions that will help ensure the success of Rolling Hills in the coming years.

I have experience with finances and various accounting and bookkeeping tasks, as my husband and I own our own business. I believe in being thrifty and frugal with funds given to the school. At times boards must make difficult decisions but this can always be done with courtesy and respect. I commit myself to being open to hearing from the parents and staff at the school- they should all feel that their comments are heard and considered, and treated with respect.

I have had experience in various leadership positions, and realize that those on a board or any governing body have different personalities and I am able to work with others, whether with the same or differing opinions. I am good at problem solving, and thinking out of the box when necessary to come up with solutions that are workable and efficient.

If elected to the board, I look forward to serving you- the parents and staff of Rolling Hills!