





KOSON/STEM Board of Directors' Candidate Voter Book


<p>CANDIDATE NAME</p>	<p>MacClain Figueroa</p>	
<p>STUDENTS AT STEM</p>	<p>2</p>	
<p>YEARS AT STEM</p>	<p>7</p>	
<p>CANDIDATE BIO</p>	<p>Mac practices the martial art of Shaolin Ch'uan Fa and is currently at Shodan rank. He lives with his wife and two children. His children have been going to STEM for seven years and are proficient in the martial art of TaeKwonDo, currently at 1st-degree black belt rank.</p> <p>He has also served his religious community by acting as a youth group activity coordinator in his early years and now serves the community as the overall activity coordinator as well as choir director for adult and youth group choir. He also has a minor in music, has played in a hip-hop rock band, and is currently producing music as a hobby.</p> <p>Mac has enjoyed working with the STEM community in various volunteer activities and looks forward to helping enrich the people of the community by sharing his knowledge and skill set with anyone seeking to improve their inner strength.</p>	
<p>WHY YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN THE BOD</p>	<p>I feel that being on the Board of Directors would help me to have a more well-rounded understanding of the needs of the community and that would help me focus my own efforts to support those needs.</p>	

CANDIDATE NAME	Greg Shick	
STUDENTS AT STEM	2	
YEARS AT STEM	4	
CANDIDATE BIO	<p>My name is Greg Shick and I am running for the STEM board to support our students, teachers and #STEMstrong community.</p> <p>I am a 5th generation Denver native and completed both of my STEM degrees at Colorado colleges (DU-Statistics & UCD-Finance). I have spent my professional career working in data science, starting with consulting, then AT&T and now as a Director of Analytics for Charles Schwab in asset and risk management.</p> <p>I currently serve on the advisory board for the University of Denver's Business Information & Analytics department, helping connect academia with real-world experience, giving students opportunities for job shadowing, internships and career advice.</p>	
WHY YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN THE BOD	<p>Our family has been at STEM since 2019, when our son Josh joined in 6th grade. His younger brother Avi joined him in 2021 for 4th grade. My wife Irene currently serves as VP of Events for PTO. I see this position as my opportunity to step up and contribute to the STEM community as well.</p> <p>During our time at STEM, our family has been supported by teachers, admins and the community at large. I have seen first-hand that engagement is the key to success! This year, you have a fantastic slate of candidates for your STEM board, a group of parents each offering their time and expertise. I'm asking for your vote to keep our community #STEMstrong.</p>	

CANDIDATE NAME	Erin Quigley	
STUDENTS AT STEM	2	
YEARS AT STEM	2	
CANDIDATE BIO	<p>Hi! I'm Erin Quigley, mom to STEM students, Caidyn and Iris Wheelock. I'm an education consultant who works from home (when I'm not driving my girls to school, soccer practice, and piano lessons).</p> <p>My husband, Chris, is a Physician Assistant in thoracic surgery based out of UC Health Hospital in Highlands Ranch (right down the road from STEM). Before becoming a consultant for principals nationwide, I was a high school language arts teacher, a principal and executive director of a charter school, and I co-founded a high school in New York City that continues to thrive. Our family is an adventurous one!</p> <p>Despite being transplants in 2015 (Chris is originally from Washington and I'm originally from New Jersey), we are Coloradans at heart. We love all things outdoors. I, myself, also love to cook, paint, bike, run short distances, read, and nerd out on the latest education research.</p>	
WHY YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN THE BOD	<p>Having led a Denver charter school, I know the vital role board members play in supporting the vision of a school. It's not easy work, but it's so important. I believe boards are most helpful when they make data-informed decisions, ask the tough questions, communicate effectively with the community, and keep their eyes focused on what matters most-- students thriving.</p> <p>I have had many experiences doing all of these and I am passionate about applying that experience to STEM. One specific area that I care deeply about is how we support the incredible STEM teachers and school leaders so they are also thriving. They are the heart and soul of this school (just check out the talent show!) and their success at STEM = students' success. I welcome the opportunity to support STEM so it continues to be one of the best schools in Colorado.</p>	

CANDIDATE NAME	Amanda Mitchell	No Image Submitted
STUDENTS AT STEM	1	
YEARS AT STEM	4	
CANDIDATE BIO	<p>A background in hospitality (management, business development, marketing and event planning/execution) and now part of a small but mighty team in a nonprofit consulting firm. Focusing on strategic planning, consulting services, board governance and executive searches I've been fortunate to work with 50+ nonprofits, foundations and schools.</p> <p>I have a passion to put the right people in the right places and being able to work with these special organizations to grow and thrive. We recently expanded with an office in Denver as well as our offices in Los Angeles and New York. We have won multiple national awards for our work and our initiation of DEI practices and hiring people of color. I've volunteered with STEM as well as multiple nonprofits (Make a Wish, Tennyson Center for Children, United Way), etc.</p> <p>I received my associate's and bachelor's degrees from Johnson & Wales University in Culinary Arts & Culinary Business.</p>	
WHY YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN THE BOD	<p>I believe that the only way to learn and grow is to pass along the knowledge that you have while learning from others around you as well. I would love to join this board so I can help with the growth and trajectory of STEM school so other children could benefit from its opportunities as my children have. I believe I would bring a different perspective with my nonprofit consulting, board governance and strategic planning experience.</p>	

CANDIDATE NAME	Amy Winans	
STUDENTS AT STEM	2	
YEARS AT STEM	8	
CANDIDATE BIO	<p>My name is Amy Winans. I have 2 kids at STEM, one is a current freshman and one is a current senior. We have been at the school for 8 years, my daughter being in the inaugural 5th-grade class and my son being in the inaugural 3rd-grade class.</p> <p>I have been an active volunteer from working the ES and MS lunchrooms to Afterprom to being on SAC for 4 years and almost everything in between. On a personal level, I have extensive experience in the financial and insurance worlds before delving into entrepreneurship and starting my own business.</p>	
WHY YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN THE BOD	<p>Since I was on SAC for the maximum time of 4 years, I feel moving to the BOD is a natural progression. I learned quite a bit about the school by being on SAC and feel I could learn even more on the BOD.</p> <p>I am not afraid to ask questions, to respectfully challenge out-of-date procedures or thoughts and try to provide alternate solutions.</p>	

CANDIDATE NAME	Jennings Cooksey	
STUDENTS AT STEM	1 (three more coming)	
YEARS AT STEM	2	
CANDIDATE BIO	<p>I do multiple things for a living; but most of my time is spent scaling and/or advising privately held businesses. As I strive to add value as a business partner, board member, and advisor, I draw upon a diverse background of experience from serving as an officer in the United States Army, working in the logistics industry, clerking for a federal judge, practicing law in private practice, and serving as an executive and business leader, leading and scaling privately held companies.</p> <p>Below is a little background on my current endeavors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● JMTD Group, LLC - Providing strategic counsel to stakeholders and partnering with outstanding teams in building world-class businesses, creating new revenue streams and generating long-term value. We also provide Outside General Counsel services and M&A Advisory services for our partners. ● Angel Investor with a focus on connecting Colorado entrepreneurs with Colorado capital in partnership with the Rockies Venture Club and Rockies Venture Fund. ● Serve as a board member for multiple privately held companies in the middle market space led by private equity sponsors across various industries and asset classes. ● Watermark Companies - Forging the new American Dream™ by elevating the way people live, work & play™! 	
WHY YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN THE BOD	<p>My wife and I have three sons (2, 4, and 6) with another boy on the way (due in June). Our oldest, Taylor, is currently at STEM and the second oldest, Duncan, will be joining STEM next school year from PRA's PreK program. At this time, we intend for all 4 of our boys to progress through STEM (K-12) based on our experience so far. So, I have an obvious vested interest in STEM and its success for some time to come and, therefore, am interested in serving on the board and adding value to STEM more broadly in pursuit of its mission.</p>	