

NVCS BOD Application Questionnaire

Name Amanda McDonald

Please provide a bio with relevant work, volunteer and/or life experience.

I currently serve as Market Manager for Bank of the West; managing 8 branches, and a total of 50 employees, to their optimal performance. This role gives me the ability to meet deadlines, coach effectively and hold individuals accountable to the goals at hand. I also serve as a Board Member for They Boys and Girls Clubs of Larimer County, and am an Alternate Commissioner for The City of Loveland Affordable Housing Commission.

Please describe your strengths and why you would be an asset to the New Vision Board of Directors

I would look forward to bringing in the relationship with BGC to NVCS and overlap those boards. I am a dedicated individual, and am always thinking about how actions can affect others. Sometimes individuals can get wrapped into thinking too much about their agenda, and can't look at the bigger picture. I pride myself in always thinking about others.

What do you believe are the most important responsibilities of a school board member?

Confidentiality - and making sure to ask questions. I also believe that attending meetings on a regular basis is extremely important.

Please describe why you are interested in serving as a school board member.

Not only do both my children attend NVCS, but being part of the BGC partnership will bring in another perspective for both parties. Being a voice for the kids is a passion of mine.

How much time and effort can you contribute to the NVCS Board?

I have a semi-flexible schedule and can commit to most of the meetings.

What skills, knowledge, and attributes should board members have in order to be qualified?

A level of confidentiality - we would not want to bring on someone that can't uphold that aspect. But, I don't believe that there should be only certain types of skills or knowledge in order for someone to be brought on.

What skills, knowledge, and attributes should board members have in order to be ongoing, contributing members?

I think that just having someone believe in the mission of the School/ Board can serve as the most important skill. If you don't have someone believe in the mission, and only bring one small skill - we will miss the point of the belief system.

What do you believe are the most critical issues facing the NVCS Board, and how would you contribute as a board member?

The growth in the area. We need to ensure we have enough room for the kids moving into the area. When you look at the growth maps - where NVCS is located the biggest need will be! We need to be continuing to plan now for the future of the school, which will include fund raising activities.

In general terms, please describe your experience in dealing with difficult and confidential issues.

Being in Banking, and sitting on other boards, i am very experienced in dealing with a multitude of different issues.

Please describe how you think the board should interact with parents, principal, and staff.

I think the board needs to be visible with everyone in the school. The staff and parents should know who the members are. The need to also believe in the board, it is a critical piece to the success of the school.

Please describe your involvement with NVCS to date. (i.e. committee participation, volunteer activities, etc.)

I have been able to volunteer on field trips with my kids over the last three years we have been at NVCS. If I am unable to participate in person, i am always willing to bring items to the school.

Please describe your vision of community outreach for the NVCS Board.

Being active in any fund raising activities the School participates in, as well as participating in any community involvement the School is in. If we are in a parade the board members should be active participants.