

NVCS BOD Application Questionnaire

Name Elissa Freeman

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

Mental health professional with over 18 years of experience. I have had the privilege in working in a variety of settings within the field. I have been a family advocate, case manager, and a therapist for at risk youth. I am a mother, a daughter, care taker and advocate. I am confident that the experiences in my life, both professionally and personally, have made me a well rounded individual.

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

I have great communication skill,s both written and verbal. I can maintain a professional demeanor while also being approachable. I often work to see all sides of a situation to make an informed decision. These are just a few of my strength and I know those strengths would make me an asset to the New Vision Board of Directors.

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

The most important responsibility of being a school board member is to uphold the vision and mission of New Vision Charter School. To have a vested interest in the students and family that have chosen NVCS as their school. To be a positive example in the community and an active participant.

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

I am interested in serving as a school board member because I want to be an active participant in the future of NVCS. I want to be a part of the growth and ever changing culture of education. I want to be a school board member because I have a vested interest in the direction of NVCS.

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

I will put forth the time and the effort that is required of me to be a valuable contributor of the school board. I am aware of the time commitment, not only the monthly commitment but the 3 year commitment. I am confident that I am prepared to balance this role along with my current responsibilities.

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

Each member of the board will bring their own unique set of skills, knowledge, and attributes to the board. It is in the best interest of the board to pull on each members strengths in order to make a cohesive team. Each member needs to be willing to grow and learn while sitting on the Board of Directors. They need to be trustworthy and dedicated to the Board, parents, staff, and community.

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

Board members must be willing to remain up to date on current issues, policies, and changes within NVCS. Board members need to be active participants in the school and community.

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

I don't feel as if though I can accurately speak to the critical issues facing NVCS Board but I do know that I can come along side my fellow board members and work together to address and correct those issues.

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

My professional career, for the last 18 years and counting, has been in the field of behavioral health. My positions have always required confidentiality, and to be able to effectively and efficiently handle difficult and stressful situations.

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

Board members should interact with parents, principal and staff in a professional manner always. Board members should be informed and aware of current concerns and be willing and able to address those concerns without bias or prejudice. Board members should be approachable and willing to listen, communicate clearly and maintain confidentiality.

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

My child attends NVCS. I meet regularly with a multidisciplinary team to discuss goal and progress.

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

My vision for community outreach would be that the NVCS Board would continue to reach out to community resources and partner with supporting agencies to provide a variety of services to students and their families. Through partnerships and collaborations, the community that NVCS families live in would continue to thrive.