

Katy Doss-BOD (2-year-term) Parent Member Seat Nominee



1. What interests you most about serving on the River Mill Academy Board of Directors?

What interests me most about serving on the River Mill Academy Board of Directors is the opportunity to play an active role in shaping the school's continued growth and success. As a proud mother of an elementary student at River Mill, I am personally invested in ensuring that our children are receiving the highest quality education in a supportive and enriching environment. I value being involved and contributing in meaningful ways, and serving on the board would continue to allow me to be a voice not only for my own child, but for other families as well. This is an area of interest where I would hope to provide a strong connection between staff and parent by helping to foster open communication, trust, and collaboration within the school community.

2. How do you see your role contributing to the school's mission and long-term success?

As a current member of the board, I have come to understand that one of my most important responsibilities is ensuring that the school's policies and procedures are followed with integrity and consistency. By upholding these standards, I help support a strong, stable foundation that allows the school to grow and operate effectively over time.

3. What professional or personal experience would you bring to the Board?

My leadership experience began early on in college when I served as Recruitment Director for my sorority, Sigma Sigma Sigma. That role helped me develop confidence in leading teams and communicating effectively. More recently, I have been serving on the Board of Directors at River Mill Academy for the past two years. During that time, I have contributed to the oversight of policies and procedures and have continued to grow in my understanding of governance and responsible leadership.

Professionally, I own and operate my own hair salon in Mebane. Running my own business has taught me a strong sense of responsibility, accountability, and the importance of consistency in decision-making. Working in a client-focused industry has also strengthened my ability to listen carefully and respond in a thoughtful and respectful way. I have found these skills to be crucial during my time as a Board Member. On a personal level, I am a mother of three young children (ages 8, 4, and 1), which has strengthened my time management, adaptability, and ability to stay organized in chaos. I've also dedicated time to volunteering with organizations such as Little Pink Houses of Hope and coaching recreational sports teams in the community, which has further deepened my commitment to service.

These experiences have shaped me to serve efficiently and I believe the skills that I've gained/posses would make me a well rounded asset to the board.

4. What do you believe are the primary responsibilities of a Board of Directors?

After serving two years on the Board, I've learned our primary responsibility is to ensure strong policies and procedures are in place. The Board provides governance, oversight, and strategic direction to help the school operate effectively and grow. However, I also believe it's important that we support the school community and staff that help make River Mill such a wonderful place.