

July 2015 Board Spotlight

We hope you are in the midst of a wonderful summer break! At our July board meeting, we seated new board members, Todd Alle, Meg Herlofsky, and Brandon Huberty. We also elected board officers for 2015-16, David Goeske, president, Melanie Spall, vice president, Jacque Lee, treasurer, and Heidi Sheard, secretary.

We approved a few changes in the Paid Time Off (PTO) policy for teachers and staff. Sean Koster will review details with the staff this fall. New policy discourages time off on teacher workshop and professional development days and rewards those who use less than half of their allotted PTO days.

A discussion with our first grade teachers and a close look at our overall numbers led to a decision to allow four additional first graders (two per class) to enroll at Beacon Academy this upcoming school year. That means that classes at grade levels 1-8 will all have 24 students. Previously, kindergarten and first grade had class sizes of 22 and class sizes increased to 24 at the second grade level. This change will benefit families currently on the first grade waiting list and allow us to try this for one year. Our principals will consult with the first grade teachers during the year to be sure this is working as smoothly as we expect.

On behalf of the Beacon Board of Directors,
Heidi Sheard