

July 2016 Board Spotlight

July marks the beginning of our new fiscal year and also the seating of our new board members. We welcome Nicholas Meyer (parent), Eldred Bach (teacher), and Michael Reed (community) to the Beacon Academy Board of Directors. We also accepted the resignation of Jacque Lee and Meg Herlofsky. It was discussed and decided that we would reduce from 11 members to 9 members. Since by-laws require us to retain a certain configuration of board seats, our two outgoing board members (a parent and a teacher) allow for this balance to remain without making further adjustments. Our board was one of the largest in the charter school world and we all feel this change is appropriate. Executive committee members were voted to be David Goeske, Chair, Melanie Spall, Vice Chair, Heidi Sheard, Secretary, and Nicholas Meyer, Treasurer. In the next couple months, our board-level committees will be populated by board members and interested members of the Beacon community. Those committees are: Curriculum, Employee Retention and Compensation, Technology, Governance, Finance, and Facility Planning.

Marketing to our new location has begun and we have welcomed quite a few new families who are anticipating our move to Crystal. Members of the Facility Planning Committee and the Board of Directors hosted a second open house earlier this month. Several filled out enrollment forms after that tour. Just last week, our bond process finalized. The bonds sold quickly and we are very pleased with our interest rate of 4.75%! RJM will waste no time beginning the renovation/construction work and will continue that work throughout this next school year while we enjoy one more school year in our Maple Grove location.

As you've heard in other school communication, we have launched our new website! There are a few things to be finalized, but it is largely complete. www.beaconacademy.com. Please feel free to take a look. It is now an excellent place to send a friend or neighbor who wants to learn more about Beacon Academy!

On behalf of Beacon Board of Directors,
Heidi Sheard, Secretary