



What is your name? Christine Foushi

What position(s) are you pursuing in the election? Vice President

Why do you want to be part of the Brook Park Council?

I want to continue building the foundation of community and inclusion that myself and the rest of the BPC board has done for the past two years. Whether it's shopping at the book fair, watching a movie, making crafts during holiday class parties or showing their parents around the school, watching and hearing the excitement of the kids is the biggest reward as a volunteer. As long as the kids like it, then we're doing something right.

What experience (BPC, community, church, profession, etc.) would be most beneficial to the role you are nominated for?

I've served in a variety of capacities for the past six years: volunteer for activities, yearbook chair and president. During this time, I've learned the operations of a PTA, had the opportunity to connect with kids, moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles, and teachers, laid a foundation for diversity, equity and inclusion, and focused on what the needs were for our students as they returned to in-person full day: wellness. Professionally, I have worked in the education field for 20 years making content accessible for those with different abilities and ensuring inclusion for all.

What is an initiative or event you would like to see for the next school year?

As the vice president and managing events, I would love to see more events and activities combine fun, culture, arts and DE&I.

Anything additional:

Parents and students from kindergarten through third grade haven't really experienced a full year at Brook Park and all that the Brook Park Council has to offer. I look forward to working with the board and providing the fun our kids and our families deserve!

What is your name? Leah Picek

What position(s) are you pursuing in the election? President

Why do you want to be part of the Brook Park Council?

Over the last two school years, I've enjoyed my time on the board as Vice President immensely. I began volunteering with the BPC as the Grade Lead Parent for my daughter's kindergarten school year. She has a physical disability and I like to be able to plan and attend events that she could participate in while maintaining her dignity. She's a 6th grader now and we created so many fun memories together! Our son is currently in Kindergarten and is on the Autism Spectrum. Being a mom of 2 children with medical challenges, I feel that I have valuable knowledge that I want to continue to bring to the board. I also have past experience to offer. I would love to keep bringing joy to our community- whether it be buying books, planning events/parties or passing out popsicles!

What experience (BPC, community, church, profession, etc.) would be most beneficial to the role you are nominated for?

Grade Lead (room parent) 4 years, Lead Room Parent Coordinator 1 year, 2 years on the BPC Board as Vice President. I have many, many years of volunteer experience in women/youth mentorship, leadership training for 11 summers (church program) and many years volunteering with the Girl Scouts as a scout and parent of a scout

What is an initiative or event you would like to see for the next school year?

I'd like to continue the initiative of giving as we have for the last 2 school years. It has been so rewarding turning the funds we earned directly back to our school community.

Anything additional:

What is your name? Elizabeth Segura

What position(s) are you pursuing in the election? Treasurer

Why do you want to be part of the Brook Park Council?

I want to be able to contribute my time and skills to the BPC, while creating efficiencies in processes (if at all possible)

What experience (BPC, community, church, profession, etc.) would be most beneficial to the role you are nominated for?

I have a financial services background, specifically, in proposal and project management and coordination.

I look at a task through many lenses- risk, opportunity, benefit, challenges, etc.

What is an initiative or event you would like to see for the next school year?

I would like to have more events tailored to different cultures. There was a great event put together for Hispanic Heritage Month and I'd like to bring greater awareness and celebration to other culturally focused months.

Anything additional:

I work well in teams and have a strong mindset for collaboration/teamwork.

I am flexible and diplomatic in my approach to dealing with matters of all natures - which would serve as a true benefit to the BPC leadership team, parents and volunteers I may encounter along the way.

What is your name? Kristine Alexander

What position(s) are you pursuing in the election? Volunteer Coordinator

Why do you want to be part of the Brook Park Council?

I want to be part of the BPC in order to help the school and the community.

What experience (BPC, community, church, profession, etc.) would be most beneficial to the role you are nominated for?

My background in event production, community relations, Anthropology, and my passion for culture will be beneficial to being the volunteer coordinator.

What is an initiative or event you would like to see for the next school year?

Next year, I'd like to see cultural performances as part of school assemblies.

Anything additional:

What is your name? Bob Cheval

What position(s) are you pursuing in the election? Recording Secretary

Why do you want to be part of the Brook Park Council?

To become more involved with my son's school. My daughter will also be attending Brook Park in the near future.

What experience (BPC, community, church, profession, etc.) would be most beneficial to the role you are nominated for?

As a licensed architect and project manager I must be very organized and am comfortable managing complex dynamic processes.

What is an initiative or event you would like to see for the next school year?

Coming out of the events of the last few years I would like to help encourage and strengthen the sense of community within our school district by promoting our shared commonalities rather than focusing on our differences.

Also, I would like to investigate if there is a way for the BPC to help with providing any financial help to the district via fund raising to help soften the impact of the bond pay back from the recent building additions on the school's yearly budget.

Anything additional:

Some fun events / initiatives could be:

- Native Plant Sale
 - BPC Community Vegetable Garden
 - Adopted a street / park / green space to provide clean-up of trash etc.
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What is your name? JOSE A. ESCOBEDO

What position(s) are you pursuing in the election? Corresponding Secretary

Why do you want to be part of the Brook Park Council?

I have great social skills and the ability to offer ideas to Brook Park school.

What experience (BPC, community, church, profession, etc.) would be most beneficial to the role you are nominated for?

I volunteered many years as a coach or coordinator in various park districts and schools. The experience that I am able to bring in this position/role is leadership, initiative and networking with individuals.

What is an initiative or event you would like to see for the next school year?

I like the idea of carnivals and recreation stuff. However, maybe having an end of the year picnic at the forest preserve can benefit everyone to engage more with themselves and other parents.

Anything additional: no comments

What is your name? Teresa Swanson

What position(s) are you pursuing in the election? Fundraising Coordinator

Why do you want to be part of the Brook Park Council?

I started volunteering with the BPC because I believe parent involvement is important. For my kids and for the teachers and staff at Brook Park. When everyone is supported, appreciated and lifted by the community, their jobs become easier. When my kids see my support and involvement, their connection to the school is stronger and more meaningful.

What experience (BPC, community, church, profession, etc.) would be most beneficial to the role you are nominated for?

I am a business owner with experience in event planning, management and fundraising. This will be my third year volunteering for the BPC. I'm hoping to spend my second year as the fundraising coordinator improving on the already established traditions at Brook Park while adding some new/fun events to the calendar.

What is an initiative or event you would like to see for the next school year?

I look forward to focusing again on community connections. I hope to plan more in person events, more social gatherings, more focus on supporting parents, students and staff.

I'd also like to lend some energy to what the DEI committee has planned. This new offspring of the BPC has exciting projects in the works. I hope in addition to my work as the BPC fundraising coordinator, I can also give some of my time supporting their efforts.

Anything additional:

What is your name? Dawn Musial-Radtke

What position(s) are you pursuing in the election? Member at Large

Why do you want to be part of the Brook Park Council?

I want to be part of the Brook Park Council because I would like to continue to give what I can in order to support the teachers, the staff, the children and the community with the

events and initiatives the BPC has done and continues to do. It warms my heart to see the joy and happiness the children and even the teachers have at the events.

What experience (BPC, community, church, profession, etc.) would be most beneficial to the role you are nominated for?

I am currently the member at large for the BPC. I have a 2nd grader and have volunteered during the past three years in any way I can. Either with my son's classes, his teachers or BPC events. Prior to being part of the Council, I have been the chair for the Virtual Bingo, Starburst Scavenger Hunt and merchandise and have helped with the Super Star Warrior Sweepstakes, Cultural Week, and the book sales. This current year as member at large, I continue to help whenever I can. Be it working with a volunteer graphic designer and ordering the merchandise, purchasing books for teachers and classrooms, helping out at numerous events, lending a hand to various committees or even behind the scenes like picking up treats for the teachers. I created and initiated the Shining Super Star Moments back in December.

I have a creative and artistic background and have been able to use those skills the past 2 years. I have created informational graphics for the school's electronic sign, the Super Star Warrior Sweepstakes, Facebook posts, flyers, to name a few. When the graphic designer volunteer was unable to help, I took on the task of designing logos for merchandise and events.

What is an initiative or event you would like to see for the next school year?

If possible, I would like to continue bringing the community together by holding more events at the school or elsewhere. Anything that keeps that happiness and joyous expressions on the community.

Anything additional: