

2023-2024 SAC Parent Candidate Bios

Morgan Boehland

Meet Morgan Boehland, a passionate parent new to our elementary school community. With a kindergartener already lighting up the classrooms and a younger son eagerly waiting his turn, I am deeply committed to making our school the best it can be! My background in both life sciences and administration equips me to contribute effectively to the School Advisory Council (SAC) and work towards boosting academic success, nurturing a positive school vibe, and getting families more involved.

I believe in the power of teamwork and open dialogue. I am excited to team up with fellow parents, teachers, and administrators to build an even stronger sense of community and ensure that our school remains a place of growth and inspiration for all students.

Janelle Grange

Hi! My name is Janelle Grange and I have a second grader and a kindergartner this year at Ocean Breeze. I love being involved at OBE through volunteer opportunities when they're available. Two years ago I was elected to be on the SAC committee, and would like to renew my position for another two years. We moved to IHB in 2019 from Pennsylvania, where I worked as a corporate accountant for a private company. I have a lot of experience in preparing and reviewing ledgers and budgets, and looking for innovative ways to make improvements. I feel these types of experiences have been helpful in reviewing data during SAC meetings to provide helpful discussion topics for school improvements. I'd appreciate the vote and opportunity to continue being a member of the committee. Thanks so much!

Kristen Malin

My name is Kristen Malin and I have three children at Ocean Breeze, Josh in 5th, Hannah in 3rd, and Katherine in kindergarten. I am a stay-at-home mother of five and my passion is raising my children. I value the importance of a good education. I graduated from UF with a degree in Industrial Engineering and worked for the Knolls Atomic Power Lab prior to my eldest being born.

I love the Ocean Breeze community and would love to help our school continue to thrive in the coming years. I want to join the SAC to help improve the education experience for all children at OBE.

Venita Murphree

Hello, my name is Venita Murphree, and I have served on the SAC for the past few years and wish to continue to serve. I am a wife and full-time mother as well as friend to animals. I enjoyed babysitting and tutoring other children most of my childhood and college days. I enjoy being in service to others and helping those in need. SAC allows me to be involved in my and other children's education in our community.

I like that SAC main goals are to support academic achievement, improve school climate, and strengthen family engagement. These goals align with my own family goals to improve not only my child's learning environment but the children my child will grow up with and call friends. Being there for children and help guiding them is an adult's responsibility, and I take that responsibility with pride.

Yolina Shalonina

I would like to present my candidacy for a School Advisory Council at Ocean Breeze. It will be the first year for my son to attend a public school. I am looking forward to getting to know the workings of a public school, looking forward to meeting the neighborhood families and getting involved in the improvement and operation of our beautiful school.

I am originally from Estonia. I moved to the United States in 2001 and became a Florida resident in 2013. When my son Pavel was born, I wanted him to enjoy the beautiful outdoors Florida has to offer. He attended Verdi Ecoschool for the prior four years. While at the Verdi Ecoschool, I was involved with the Academics Committee. Our responsibilities included teacher candidate interviews, curriculum and other educational programs overview and creation of the quality control mechanisms. As a parent of the Verdi Ecoschool, I was required to attend Conscious Discipline classes held once a month. I learned a lot about pedagogy in general, child psychology and school operations. My son, of course, has been my biggest teacher!

I appreciate the opportunity to become a member of the School Advisory Council.

*SAC parent members are elected by parents to serve two-year terms. **The parent members below will be serving their second year of their two-year term in 2023-2024:**

Evie Barrese

Taylor Hetherington

Ed Roberts

Amber Williams

Principal Appointed Community Members include: Theresa Grimison & Michael Timm

Staff Members elected by colleagues include: Marla Ambrose (5th) & Brittany Thompson (K)