

May 22, 2023

Dear Will Carleton Academy Parents,

The charter school law in Michigan requires that these schools be governed by a Board of Directors. As a parent with a child at Will Carleton Academy, you have the opportunity to elect the Directors of this school on an alternating schedule with the existing Board of Directors. This year, the term of three board members are concluding. Two of the replacements are to be appointed by the current board, while one is to be elected by the Parent Forum. Thank you to Dr. Ian Church and Mrs. Nicole Williams for accepting their reappointments from the board. Thank you to Mr. Rick Schaerer for his 6 years of service to the board, as he must leave his post due to term limits. We thank him for his very valuable work while on the Board.

As mentioned above, the current Board of Directors is responsible for the appointment of two of the new directors to fill two of the vacancies while the Parent Forum is responsible for the election of one director to fill the remaining vacancy. We are fortunate to have qualified candidates to fill this one elected vacancy for our Board of Directors. Please read the enclosed information that the candidates have provided. Using the ballot below, each parent is asked to vote for **one candidate**. Please return this ballot to the office no later than 4:00 pm on Wednesday, May 31, 2023. Ballots received after 4:00 pm on May 31, 2023 will not be counted. Please take advantage of this opportunity. Return these ballots to my attention during the election period.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call and I will try to answer them. Thank you for your participation and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Colleen A. Vogt,
Director

Parent #1	Parent #2
____ Andrew Russell	____ Andrew Russell
____ Annette Sands	____ Annette Sands
Signature #1 _____	Date _____
Signature #2 _____	Date _____

Hello WCA families,

My name is Andrew Russell, and I am running for a position on the WCA Board of Directors. I am the father of three WCA students, Caleb (6th grade), Daniel (2nd grade), and Ethan (Kindergarten). My family and I moved back to the Hillsdale area last June after spending the previous 8 years in Aberdeen, SD. We are happy to be close to my wife's family in Adrian, MI, and to be back at my alma mater, Hillsdale College, where I work as a biology professor.

I would like to serve you in this position, because I will work to ensure that WCA continues to provide the best environment and opportunities for our students. There are many principles and values that make WCA a great school. But, there are also ways that I believe we could make it better. My focus on the Board of Directors would be to enhance safety, investigate capital improvements, and enhance extracurricular programming such as sports and music. With this in mind, I would appreciate your vote in the current election.

Sincerely,

Andrew Russell

I am Annette Sands. My Husband Roger and I are proud, long time Will Carleton Academy Parents. We highly value the strong Educational Foundation provided, the commitment to every student within school, and the support of morals and integrity that are instilled at home. All four of our children have attended WCA. Madison began second grade in 1999 through middle school, wow....24 years certainly have flown by! Hannah is in her Doctorate program for Physical Therapy at Trine University, Hailey is in second year at KCC for Dental Hygiene, and Harrison is currently in eighth grade.

I work at the Economic Development Partnership of Hillsdale County, and am also instrumental in the operations at Litchfield Regional Training Center. The Economic Development Partnership is a non-profit organization, governed by a Board of Directors that consists of Presidents, CEO's, City Managers and leaders throughout the county. We are involved with all businesses, but primarily manufacturing, that are established, new, and prospective throughout the county. We ensure that businesses have resources at all levels so they are able to succeed in meeting their goals. We also provide Trends Luncheons, which is a community event that we invite experts to the area to speak on different "hot topics". I was also instrumental in the establishment of the Litchfield Regional Training Center as a Proprietary School. This is a customer driven, skilled trades training center in Litchfield. I work with employers, students, and instructors to identify training need and coordinate all of the courses at the center, such as Excel, Welding, Robotics, customized skilled trades training, and much more. With my job it is very important that we work closely within the community and beyond, at businesses, schools, municipalities, State Representatives and our numerous partners, to provide assistance to employers and bring resources into Hillsdale County.

If elected to the board, I would be honored to assist in decisions that are beneficial for the entire school body. I would also love to explore ways to provide more Career Awareness to the students, to assist in preparation for beyond high school. I sincerely appreciate your consideration of my election to the WCA Board of Directors. I am very excited about this opportunity to give back to Will Carleton Academy.