

SDMC Magnet Nominees

Lisa Brennan

Lisa Brennan holds a Texas licensure as a Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP). She has experience as an LSSP in the Houston area, and as a school psychologist in suburban Chicago, IL and Minneapolis, MN, working with diverse student populations. She received her Masters in Education from Loyola University Chicago, and her B.S. from the University of Illinois. She and her husband Jim have one son who attends ROE. She understand the needs of the students and relates well with the parents at ROE. She is an active volunteer at PTO events.

Karla Curtis

My husband and I have a current magnet 2nd grade student at ROE in Mrs. Calderon's class. We also have an incoming magnet kindergartner student next year. We plan to be part of ROE for the next 5 years.

This is my first year with ROE, I have only volunteered a few times (Spring picture day, OoTM Coach, and Carnival this year). I have spent most of my time supporting our Pre-Ker's school, MacGregor Elementary. Here is a list of the things I have being involved in:

2013-2014:

Room Parent

2014-2015:

•Room Parent

2015-2016:

- Room Parent
- 1st Father Daughter
- 1st Mother-Son Super Hero Dance

2016-2017

- Room Parent
- set up Parent Volunteer Room
- PTO
- SDMC seat for 3 months (filling in)
- No Place for Hate

•Fundraising

1. School fundraisers
2. Community Business Partnerships
3. Donations request

•Created Event Committee - hosted following events:

1. Ice Cream Social
2. Fall Open House
3. Spring Open House

4. Early Dismissal Teacher/Staff Child Care
5. 1st Father/Son Sport's Night
6. 1st Mother/Daughter Tea
7. 2nd Father-Daughter Masquerade Dance
8. 1st Mother-Son Cowboy Dance
9. Cinco de Mayo
10. Teacher Appreciation May Week
11. Pre-K and Kinder Award Ceremony
12. 5th Grade Award Ceremony
13. Lion King play
14. Charlie Brown's Christmas play

Toria English

I am interested in serving as a Parent (Magnet) Representative on the ROE Shared Decision Making Committee. I have a Master's Degree in Applied Economics and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, both from the University at Buffalo. I have 10 yrs experience in investment management, most recently as a client account manager for BlackRock. I have spent the last six years at home with my two boys, both of whom attended ROE this year and are entering the 1st and 3rd grades in the fall. I am originally from New York and have lived in Boston, San Francisco, and Austin where I have had the chance to research many different types of school programs. My previous Board experience includes serving as President of my neighborhood association in Austin and serving as the Kinder Representative on the ROE PTO. Thank you for your consideration.

Kartik Ramachandran

I am a magnet parent of a Kindergartener (Kanishka Iyer, K-Hertz) currently enrolled in River Oaks Elementary (ROE).

I have been working in the Oil & Gas industry for more than 12 years now after finished my Masters degree in Petroleum Engineering from Texas A&M University, College Station. I have been involved in both technical and management side in the industry throughout my professional life. Besides playing an active role in my company and industry, I am also involved in the non-industry specific areas. I used to mentor and tutor SBISD Middle School students towards their TAKS preparation. I have served as Toastmasters Area Governor, in charge of 6 corporate and community Toastmasters clubs, 2007-2009. Toastmasters International (TI) is a non-profit organization aimed at developing communication and leadership skills in individuals. I have also served as the Chairman & Treasurer of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, Gulf Coast Section (SPE GCS) Newsletter Committee. As of now, I am involved in mentoring and guiding a couple of 5th graders in their project work. I believe that I have necessary skills and experience to be part of the SDMC in assisting the school principal and the district in meeting their goals, objectives and programs towards maintaining the excellent standards of the school district.