

Governance Council Candidates

Shana Ballas

I have actively participated in the charter governance for six years, the last two as chair. I have volunteered in numerous positions at Dixie canyon over the last six years, writing grants, serving as room parent, coordinating parents night out, leading tours, and more, but most importantly, I am a mother to a 5th grader and 1st grader at Dixie Canyon. I also serve as the Dixie representative for the parent advisory of the LAUSD northeast district. I am committed to understanding the complex LAUSD system and ensuring that all children at Dixie have the best education and school experience possible. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the decision-making team that drives the direction of the school and ask for your vote to continue in another two-year term.



Michele Steinberg

I am the proud parent of two kids at Dixie - my daughter Ellie is in 4th grade and my son Jack is in 2nd. You've probably seen my dog Floyd outside of school in the morning (good boy!) while I was helping with stop drop and go, organizing the heap of lost and found, or embarrassing my kids wearing the dolphin costume for a student-of-the-month assembly. I also served three consecutive years on the board of the Dixie PTA, two as Treasurer and one as Financial Secretary. I've been a voting member of the Dixie Charter Governance Committee since 2016 and look forward to helping the school in years to come. Professionally, I am a registered Investment Advisor with LPL Financial and my licenses include NASD Series 7 and 66. I hold a Bachelor of Business degree with double majors in Management and Marketing from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.



“Floyd”

Steven Webb II

Greetings! I would like to submit my name for entrance into the Governance Committee. As a stakeholder in the area, with one child in Ms. Tuomy's class (Steven A. Webb II), and another entering Kindergarten next year, I would like to be involved in the growth process of Dixie in order to impact children years down the road. As a parent of six, involved in the community socially and interactively, I think the years of experience I have in implementation, as well as just " DOING THE WORK" would be a viable asset to the Committee.

Regards, Steven A. Webb, PhD



Steven Webb II with Catherine Pugh, the Mayor of Baltimore, MD

Darren Fung

Our family joined the Dixie Canyon community this year with our son, Andrew, joining Ms. Kroop's transitional kindergarten class and we're so happy to be here. As a freelance screen composer, I bring to the table a diversity of policy, advocacy and governance experience, formerly serving as Second Vice President of the Screen Composers Guild of Canada, a member of the Banff Centre's Creative Ecologies Advisory Board, a Fellow with Action Canada, and a member rep and officer of the Los Angeles Rowing Club. And somehow I also got hoodwinked to be team captain of my hockey team. If fortunate to get elected to the Dixie Canyon Governance Council, my hope is to bring new blood and new ideas to the table, but also focusing on strong governance so that our decision making process isn't made in a vacuum. It is my hope that the Governance Council will provide support, guidance and leadership to the school administration so they can best serve our children's interests.



Romy Mehlman

Hi Mrs. Yniguez-

It is with great interest that I, Romy Mehlman, submit my application to be on the Governance Council for Dixie Canyon Community Charter. Since being at Dixie over a year and a half ago when my twin boys started at Dixie in TK, I have been incredibly involved in helping to make Dixie stronger, from volunteering often in the classroom, to fundraising and being part of our school's various activities. In this short amount of time, I believe that most parents recognize me through my involvement. Recently, I was nominated and became part of the Dixie Canyon Elementary PTA, currently serving as Vice President of Membership (where I have already doubled last year's membership numbers with over 200 active members for 2018-2019). I want to continue to be as involved as possible to help benefit the children and support the teachers, both of who I believe could use my support and involvement as we continue to strengthen our school. Personally and professionally, I am extremely fiscally responsible and can act as both a team player and leader, and have served various executive positions including Vice President of Worldwide Research at Disney, Vice President of Marketing at Lucky Strike Entertainment, and Director of Worldwide Research at Sony Pictures, to name a few. I would be honored to continue to work with you and help strengthen Dixie by being part of the Governance Council.

Thank you for your consideration,



Romy

Re: Dixie Canyon Community Charter Governance Council Application

To Whom It May Concern:

As parents of two children (Avery & Quinn) at Dixie Canyon Community Charter, we'd like to submit our application to share a seat on the Governance Council. Both Kristie and Arthur are executives in leadership roles at separate media & entertainment companies. With over 25 years of experience between the two of us, we know we can add value and provide thought leadership to the Governance Council. More importantly, as active members and volunteers within Dixie Canyon Community Charter, we have developed great relationships with the teachers, staff, PTA and parents of the school and know we can provide true voice for our community.

We thank you for your consideration.

Arthur & Kristie Cuyugan
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Re: Application submission for Governance Council Parent Member

Dear Ms. Yniguez,

My name is Lauren Brandenstein and my son, August Brandenstein, is a kindergartener in Ms. Moore's class. I am a mother of three wonderful little boys (5, 4 and 2), a part-time Financial Planner at UBS Financial Services, and the current chair of Corporate Sponsorship for the Dixie Canyon PTA. I feel extremely blessed to be able to send my children to such a wonderful, community based school. Diving into the Corporate Sponsorship role has given me the opportunity to learn more about our school and PTA, and I am thoroughly enjoying it.

I would like to be on the Charter Governance Council because I want to represent my fellow parents. I greatly value the opportunity to have our voices heard with respect to spending and programs at our school. I believe I can help the governance make decisions and find solutions that benefit ALL of the children in our Dixie community. I am a reasonable person, open and capable of fully understanding the pros and cons of issues before forming my opinion, and fully committed to making our school the best it can be. Thank you for putting me on the ballot. Best regards,

Lauren Brandenstein
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