



# Headwaters<sup>™</sup> SCHOOL

*Each journey begins at the source*

## **Board of Trustees August Update, 2017**

**By Heather Vickers, Board Chair**

Each month in The Current newsletter, the Board of Trustees will provide you an update on the things happening at our school at a board level. As we start the school year, I wanted to give you a board membership update and let you know about our plans for the year.

As we move into the new school year, we do so with the deepest gratitude to the outgoing trustees: **Steve Ravel, Kat Jones, Gary Pharr, and Tracy Asamoah**. This is an incredibly special group of people, as they are among the last of the reconstituted board of trustees, which formed four years ago during years of transition for the school. They stepped up at a critical time for the school and shaped it into what it is today. In addition to being parents of current and alumnae students, they have served the school as active volunteers offering their leadership, commitment, and selfless devotion. Through hard work with their fellow trustees, the staff, and the community, they led the school to financial and leadership stability, and they oversaw many key initiatives for the school ranging from establishing new bylaws, committee structures, and financial controls, to construction projects, leadership searches, legal matters, and rebranding and uniting the school. These leaders brought their industry, wisdom, and raw intelligence to our community and are responsible for providing the strong foundation and the forward-facing reality of what we proudly call Headwaters School. Words cannot express our gratitude to Steve, Kat, Gary, and Tracy.

This year, our executive committee will be returning Chair **Heather Vickers**, returning Vice Chair **Jay Valanju**, newly appointed Treasurer **Graham Frey**, and newly appointed Secretary **Jim Rudden**. Returning trustees include **Will Moncrieff, Allene Evans, Julia Cuba Lewis, and Brian Yager**. We are excited to welcome new trustees **Aaron Levy, Cheray Ashwill, and Jerry Aubin**. We encourage you to read more about our trustees [at this link](#).

Before we think about the work ahead, it is impossible to not take a moment and reflect upon our amazing Roots campaign. Together we raised \$837,549 in 93 days. We are so incredibly proud to call Rio Grande home for the Middle and High School! Thank you to everyone for making this a reality through your incredible generosity. There is nothing this community cannot do when we come together! Please join us in celebrating the purchase on September 15 at 4 p.m. on the deck between Buildings 1 and 2 of the River Campus (801 Rio Grande).

With this huge milestone accomplished, it is time to think about the work ahead. The board is organized into committees whereby each committee is responsible for ongoing work and special projects to support our school. This year, the following committees are in place:

- Executive
- Development
- Facilities

- Finance, with a sub-committee focused on compensation
- Governance & Trustees
- Marketing & Enrollment

Each committee has a lead and multiple members who work together to accomplish the goals we set at the beginning of each year. We will have a board retreat on September 7, and during that time together, we will define what we plan to accomplish this school year. Look for details regarding the outcomes in next month's Current email.

Please know that you are welcome to attend any open session of our board meetings and below is the schedule. Kindly email [board@headwaters.org](mailto:board@headwaters.org) 48 hours in advance so that we know to expect you and let you know if a closed session is planned. As of now, all board meetings will be held in the River Campus Studio at 5:30 PM.

- October 24th
- December 5th
- January 23rd
- March 6th
- April 24th
- May 22nd (Annual Meeting)

Speaking on behalf of all the trustees, we are honored to be in service and we are looking forward to a year of nurturing and sustaining our wonderful community.

Best,  
Heather