

## Candidates for Elected PA Offices 2021 - 2022 School Year

### PA Co-Presidents Candidates:

#### **Barrett Martin and Rachel Connors Phillippe**

Mom to a rising second grader, Rachel has enjoyed the opportunity to serve the MSC community this past year as co-secretary. Building on the momentum created this year by such community-building events as The MSC Virtual Scavenger Hunt and the MSC Spring Fun Run, Rachel hopes to continue these events as well as add new ones - such as a Virtual Reading Buddy Program - to further enrich the MSC community as we all return to the school building next year. She brings with her a keen ability to work collaboratively from her years of theatrical, film, and television production experience.

Having served two years as co-treasurer on the PA, Barrett would like to continue to serve our community as his son makes his way into 4th grade next year. Barrett looks forward to working collaboratively with Rachel, the rest of the board, the administration, and the community to tackle the "new normal" and continue to enhance the educational experience of our kids and our teachers through support from the PA.

### PA Co-Vice Presidents Candidates:

#### **Nadia Murray Goodman and Rahsaan Harris**

[Nadia] My son is a rising second grader at MSC and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to be involved at MSC. I have been an educator for over twenty years in public, independent, and international schools in both New York City and beyond. I have worked to create systems to support teachers and students through professional development programs and currently am a Middle School Learning Specialist and serve as the Equity Coordinator at The Chapin School.

[Rahsaan] This is the end of my family's second year at MSC and our daughter is a first grader. My introduction to MSC volunteerism was through representing the IDC at PA executive meetings. Subsequently, I spoke about issues of racial inclusion at the school town hall in the aftermath of George Floyd's murder. I also enjoyed addressing the middle school students on the same issue in June 2020. In the 2020-2021 school year, I served as co-treasurer along with Barrett Martin. In that position, I helped implement text message communications with MSC families and advised fundraising.

Professionally, I am the CEO of Citizens Committee for New York City. I have more than 20 years of experience leading nonprofits and international grantmaking, partnering with communities to make local investments and promote community improvement.

### PA Co-Treasurers Candidates:

#### **Margo Beth Fleming and Adams Pinckney**

Margo is a twin mom, rising second grade parent, and ardent supporter of MSC as a progressive community of learners. She's written small grants for the greenhouse and helped orchestrate this year's Family Giving campaign. Margo believes that one of the best ways for parents to show support for our master teachers and student body is to fund the PA, allocating its budget well—thus explaining her run for co-treasurer with Adams.

Adams is dad to a rising first grader and has enjoyed participating in the MSC classroom, PA, IDC, and CEC3 meetings. He is excited for the opportunity to serve our school community more by joining the PA as co-treasurer with Margo. As an architect, he brings a strong skill set of collaboration, organization, and creativity to work with the administration and parent body in order to support and create the best possible experience for our students and teachers.

### PA Co-Secretary Candidates:

#### **Liz Green**

I've enjoyed the opportunity of working with Rachel Connors Phillippe as co-secretary and being a part of the PA. After 7 years of being a part of the MSC community, I've appreciated how much parent involvement there is at MSC. I've learned there is no perfect school out there. We will always run into bumps along the way, but as a parent community, we can make it a better place for our children. I have a 5th grade daughter switching to a different middle school, but have another daughter starting Kindergarten next year. During this pandemic, it is even more important that we work together as a team to find virtual ways to stay connected.

#### **Danielle Alden**

Danielle is the parent of rising third grader Xander, incoming kindergartener Dash, and future student Cecilia. Danielle and her husband, Tim, have been taking turns as Class Parent for the past three years. Danielle has over a decade of experience working with NYC's most notable non-profit organizations, fundraising millions of dollars through individual giving and special events. She looks forward to building relationships and engaging the community on the MSC PA in 2021-2022.

**SLT Candidates:**

**(Does not need to be grade specific - 3 open spots)**

**1 - 1 year term**

**2 - 2 year terms**

**Liz Mahler**

Liz is the parent of a rising second grader and kindergartener, and a co-class parent this year at MSC. In her non-parenting hours, she works in artistic planning at Carnegie Hall. Previously she was executive director of the non-profit organization and Brooklyn-based ensemble The Knights, and, a lifetime ago, worked as a violinist and violin teacher. She is excited to volunteer with the SLT this year.

**Jameel McKanstry**

Jameel is the father of Jameel Jr. (Amier), a rising third grader. Amier has attended MSC since kindergarten. Jameel has served on MSC's IDC Leadership Team as well as the school's Equity Team prior to COVID. Jameel is excited to continue the work of equity in a new way as a member of the hiring committee.

Professionally, Jameel has taught for 10 years. For the last 6 years, he has been the music teacher for Lafayette Academy (located on the floors 1 & 2).

**Linda Saffire**

Linda, a mom to a rising 7th grader who has attended a MSC since kindergarten. She has been a class parent since the day her daughter walked into her very first classroom. (Kindergarten with Lynn)! This past year, in addition to 6th grade class parent, she took on the role of class parent coordinator, co-chair of Kindergarten tours, and co-vice president of the PA. Linda and her family have experienced some of the most amazing years with outstanding teachers and have experienced the worst of the worst, (only one year on the latter). She knows what it takes to jump in, work with parents, teachers, and the administration to help fix the problems and get everyone through the rough times. This was her daughter's first year in MSC's middle school which, as a whole, handled the pandemic extremely well. Her daughter, Chloë, had the support of all her teachers and excelled in all her subjects. Although there have been some concerns about the administration in recent years, Linda feels that because of the teachers and the community MSC is the best Elementary and Middle School in District 3.