

**School Board Applications 2024**

**Name**

Catherine Baldwin

**Please provide a brief bio and tell us a little about yourself:**

I am a wife and mother of 3. Two are STE graduates, and one is in 5th grade. I love working with the youth and sharing my knowledge with them. I have been a part of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for 9 years.

**Why are you interested in being a part of the STE School Advisory Council?**

I am interested in being a part of the council to help keep the school moving forward and growing. And being a voice for the parents who don't feel heard.

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**Name**

Chad Brausen

**Please provide a brief bio and tell us a little about yourself:**

Father of a current Kindergarten student, and will have an additional child entering STE as a pre-schooler in the Fall.

I grew up several states away but have made Kansas City our family's permanent home. I work in strategic planning and negotiations and would like to offer my skill set to the STE family.

My wife and I are practicing Catholics. We were married in the Redemptrist church off of Main St in Kansas City and we believe in the guiding principles that STE provides to our local youth and in turn globally.

**Why are you interested in being a part of the STE School Advisory Council?**

Apart from our Catholic values I believe I can support the funding needs of STE as well as support a move into our new AI driven world.

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**Name**

Susan Lopez

**Please provide a brief bio and tell us a little about yourself:**

I'm Susan Lopez, I have been married for over 28 years and have 3 sons. I attended O'Hara high school and UMKC Conservatory of Music where I studied vocal performance. I have been a realtor broker for almost 25 years. When I'm not working in real estate I spend much of my time advocating for my youngest son and helping parents with advocacy work for their children with disabilities. I volunteer with the FIRE committee at school. I was blessed to attend Catholic school and feel very strongly about Catholic education. My husband and I have worked to send our sons to Catholic school as well.

**Why are you interested in being a part of the STE School Advisory Council?**

My family has been blessed here at St. Elizabeth Church and school. My youngest son has been welcomed. I want to give back to St. Elizabeth anyway that I can. I want to provide a voice as a parent of a child with a disability that needs some modifications and adaptations to attend school and I would like to advocate and share my knowledge and be a voice for other parents. I value inclusion here at St. Elizabeth because all the children and adults benefit, and gain a greater understanding, awareness, patience and kindness. As a Catholic I know we are called to have acceptance and offer grace to all people.

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**Name**

Marissa Steele

**Please provide a brief bio and tell us a little about yourself:**

My name is Marissa Steele. My husband, Michael, and I got married at St. Elizabeth's in 2011. We have 2 children that attend school at St. E's: Adelyn (2nd grade) and Robert (Kindergarten). I am a Business Development Manager at a digital agency called One North. One North is part of TEKsystems, where I've been for almost 19 years. When our time isn't spent at kid activities, we're usually with friends or traveling. I also volunteer my time as a board member of Reach Out and Read - a medically-based, pediatric literacy program in the KC area.

**Why are you interested in being a part of the STE School Advisory Council?**

The community at St. Elizabeth's welcomed our family and I would love to be part of the STE Advisory Council to pass that support along to others in the community. I am interested in being part of a school advisory council because I recognize the critical role it plays in fostering a positive learning environment and supporting the holistic development of students. My interest stems from a deep commitment to enhancing the

educational experience within the STE community. I understand the importance of community involvement in education. As a member of the advisory council, I aim to be a voice between the school and the community it serves. Through involvement in the advisory council, I aspire to support and empower educators to excel in their roles, ultimately enhancing the quality of teaching and learning. I also recognize the significance of effective communication and fostering a transparent and inclusive decision-making process. By working closely with the school administrators, I can advocate for policies that promote student success and well-being. I am passionate about creating a nurturing and supportive learning environment where every student can thrive. Overall, my interest in being part of the school advisory council reflects my dedication to fostering collaboration, promoting community engagement, and advancing the collective goal of providing an enriching educational experience for all students.