

Get to Know Your School Board Directors

Making connections among community members is essential to building a sense of trust and understanding. As part of the Board’s ongoing effort to connect with school families and the community, our Community Linkage Committee put the seven Eden Prairie School Board directors to task to share a little about themselves. ~~50~~ 50 words

Steve Bartz grew up in rural North Dakota hunting and fishing with family and friends and working on family farms and lumber businesses. He and his wife moved to Eden Prairie in 2004. Their son is sophomore in college (Go Big Red!) and their daughters are seniors at EPHS—empty aerie coming soon. Steve has been involved in the community as a soccer dad, school volunteer, coach, and is an active member at Grace Church of Eden Prairie. He works as a Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) and in his spare time enjoys cooking over fire, outdoor adventures, and reading Dostoevsky. 99 words

Aaron Casper and his family have been residents of Eden Prairie since 2004. All four of their children are products of Eden Prairie Schools with their three daughters currently attending college and their son entering high school this fall. Aaron is a benefits consultant in addition to currently serving in his twelfth year on the Eden Prairie Fire Department. He is also active at Grace Church, Eden Prairie AM Rotary, Boy Scouts of America, and youth coaching in basketball and football. A strong supporter of Eden Prairie Schools, Aaron advocates for students, families, and the community in which they live. 100 words

Debbyoti “DD” Dwivedy is a First Generation American who, like many immigrants, came to the United States to pursue the American dream. He grew up playing cricket and soccer and still enjoys watching a good soccer match! DD obtained his graduate degree at NDSU and continues to work in Cloud Security. He is a Commissioned Officer (First Lieutenant) in the Medical Services Corps. DD has served on a combat deployment and several goodwill mission trips abroad with the Army Reserve. 80 words

Abby Libsack grew up in Missouri and spent most of her high school years singing and performing. After meeting her husband at Northwest Missouri State, they also lived in Colorado and Georgia before moving to Eden Prairie in 2013. Abby’s daughter is an EPHS senior, and her son is an 8th grader at CMS. She has been an elementary classroom teacher, and a substitute teacher, tutor and volunteer in EP schools. She enjoys fellowship at Grace Church, traveling with her family, live music, and she also runs a photo studio in Chanhassen. 92 words

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Kim Ross is one of Eden Prairie’s biggest fans, a resident for almost 40 years and board member from 2008-2011 and 2021 to present. Her daughter Braden graduated from EPHS in 2019, from UW-Madison in December 2022, and is a TV reporter for the CBS affiliate in Madison. Kim is a member of the really fun Eden Prairie Noon Rotary Club—sponsors of projects like My Book Day and Rib fest. She has shared her marketing expertise, mentoring EPHS students for many years. As she has seen Eden Prairie grow and change, she truly celebrates our diverse community and knows the best is yet to come. [105 words](#)

Charles “CJ” Strehl has an amazing wife and growing up, he moved across nine different states. This experience shaped him into an extrovert that loves to engage with people. He has four kids spread across Prairie View Elementary, CMS, and EPHS. CJ loves working with kids through Cub Scouts (Pack 342) and youth group and is energized by children’s enthusiasm, energy, and creativity. You can find him at school, soccer, football, baseball, swimming, and basketball games. CJ loves to talk Packer football and is an avid golfer, traveler, party planner, and camper. If you see him out and about, please say hi! [102 words](#)

Dennis Stubbs has lived in Eden Prairie since 2014. He and his wife, Miranda, grew up and graduated high school in Anchorage, Alaska. They have a 3rd grade son Decker, a 1st grade daughter Reece, both at Eagle Heights, and a 4-year-old daughter Myka. Dennis coaches’ hockey and flag football. He grew up playing basketball, but let’s be honest, he wouldn’t have made the high school team at EPHS! He was the 1st Chair trombonist in his high school Honor Band, so pep-band would probably be more realistic! Dennis is a residential construction contractor and attends and volunteers at River Valley Church. [101 Words](#)

We hope to connect with you when we are out and about in the community or attending district events! The Board members come from a variety of perspectives and experiences and are honored to share in the work being done to accomplish the mission of the Eden Prairie Public Schools. [50 words](#)