

2015-2016 PARENT ASSOCIATION CANDIDATES



Charles Pigott **Candidate for President**

Charles Pigott is a proud father of four children and a fourth generation, life-long resident of Park Slope. All four of his children have attended The Berkeley Carroll School during their educational journeys with William, a current sophomore and BC lifer, having started in kindergarten.

Charlie has been an active volunteer in the Berkeley Carroll Community for several years. For the last five years, he has facilitated the Street Safety class through Prepare, Inc. He currently serves as Governance Chair, has co-chaired the school-wide ski trip, and has been a class parent at various times over the past decade.

A local business owner, Charlie has owned and operated a service that delivers organic fruits and vegetables for close to 20 years. Reflecting the progressive and traditional values that Park Slope is known for, the business offers healthy food and employs local residents. Currently, he serves as a member on Community Board 6, is on his local parish council, and has been involved in several youth groups.

Having earned a liberal arts degree from CUNY, Charlie is fluent in Spanish and English. He is further pursuing a lifelong passion by taking film studies classes at Brooklyn College. As a long time resident and property owner, successful investor, buyer and seller, Charlie has a breadth of first-hand experience with an exceptional knowledge of the real estate market. Charlie utilizes these skills working in sales at The Corcoran Group.

Charlie looks forward to continuing to serve the Berkeley Carroll Community.



Linnea Mavrides
Candidate for Executive Vice President

Linnea Mavrides and her husband, Mike, are the proud parents of three children: Jackson (3rd Grade), Scarlett (Kindergarten), and little Harper (1.5yrs old). They have been members of the BC community for the past four years; they love the education and opportunities their kids are receiving, as well as the relationships everyone in the family is making.

Linnea hails from rural New Jersey where her grandparents owned a dairy farm. She graduated *magna cum laude* from Amherst College with a BA in psychology and African Studies, but moved to New York City out of college to work for magazines and web sites as a writer and editor. After several years, though, she returned to her love of psychology, earning a Doctorate in Psychology from Long Island University, C.W. Post.

Linnea is currently employed as a psychologist with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, working part-time at the Staten Island Community-Based Outpatient Program where she treats Veterans of World War II, newly discharged Veterans of the war in Afghanistan, and everything in between. In addition, she serves as an associate professor at LIU-Post's Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program. While she works strictly with adult veterans at the VA and specializes in the treatment of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and chronic medical illness, Linnea has extensive training in working with children, adolescents, and families.

Linnea hopes to bring her knowledge of communication--along with her professional and personal experiences in the complicated inner-workings of families--to her role as EVP for The Berkeley Carroll Parent Association.



Daniele D'Amico **Candidate for Treasurer**

Daniele and his wife Leithia are proud parents of Berkeley Carroll Kindergartener, Chloe. Their second child Luca (1 year old) has some time to go before joining the school.

Daniele and Leithia have called Brooklyn their home since 2010 after years of traveling the world. Daniele grew up in Florence, graduated in Engineering, and later moved to London to start his career in management consultancy. It was during his time in London that Daniele met Leithia while she was traveling in Rome. Together they lived in Milan, London, and East Africa. A career detour brought Daniele to East Africa where he joined a shipping business in Djibouti as CFO. (A restructuring role, which coincided with the explosion of piracy in the region, kept him well occupied and provided a good arsenal of exciting stories.)

Daniele is a Principal at Oliver Wyman, a management consultancy, specializing in Finance and Risk topics for Financial Services. Prior to Berkeley Carroll, Daniele served as the Finance Chair at Maple Street School where Chloe attended Pre-K.

Daniele prides himself on being a hands on papa, whether he is whipping up home-made pasta for the kids or getting them ready for bath and bed, he believes there is joy in the little moments. As a native Italian speaker, one of Daniele's biggest accomplishments is his daughter's fluency in Italian!



Dave Pearson
Candidate for Upper School Vice President

Dave Pearson has two children, both *lifers* at BC; Henry, a sophomore and Eleanor, a senior. He and his wife Shirley Hedden have lived in Park Slope for 19 years.

Dave's roots are in Wyoming where he grew up in a small town half the population of Park Slope. He graduated with a B.F.A. from The Conservatory of Theater Arts at Webster University in St Louis with honors in acting and directing. For twenty-five years he worked as an actor, a director and a producer in theatre, and later made a transition to work in the world of corporate, commercial, and short subject film and video. He currently manages real estate and a busy household.

As a Berkeley Carroll volunteer, he has been a parent ambassador twice, a charter member of Side by Side, and was the Middle School VP from 2008-2010. He and his wife founded the Parent-To-Parent Annual Fund Campaign in 2003 and co-chaired it for 3 years. During that time, they both served on the Development Committee of the Board of Trustees. He occasionally pitches in to help build sets for the theatre productions and last year organized a series of winter indoor soccer practices off campus for the varsity girl's soccer team. In the broader community he has coached baseball for several years in Prospect Park and served on the Park Slope Civic Council Board of Trustees.

Having witnessed the arc of fine educational opportunities and care his children have received, Berkeley Carroll has been a remarkable experience. He sees the Parent Association as a valuable partner with the school and thinks a strong, caring community that surrounds the school is vital to the school's success--which, of course, benefits our children. He thanks you for your consideration for this nomination.



Kate Piccard
Candidate for Middle School Vice President

Kate Piccard, and her husband, John, are the proud parents of three Berkeley Carroll School students -- Laura, an 8th grader; Julia, a 5th grader; and her eldest, John, who is currently a Sophomore at Xavier High School. AS of seven years ago, when Julia began her education at Berkeley Carroll, and John and Laura transferred to BC from PS 321, Kate has been an active volunteer within the Berkeley Carroll community.

Kate has previously served as the VP for the Middle School Division of the Parent association and Executive Vice President of the BC PA. Throughout her years as a Berkeley Carroll parent she has also served as a Lower School PA Representative for both of her daughters' classes, as a co- host for numerous class/ grade dinners, and as a former member of the Annual BC Golf Outing Committee. In addition, Kate continues to serve as a Parent Ambassador, as well as co-chair of the annual Fall BC Coat Drive, the Winter BC Toy Drive, and the end-of-year BC Faculty Appreciation Luncheons.

Coming from a family with a long heritage of volunteerism, Kate continues to do work outside of Berkeley Carroll in the broader Brooklyn community. As co-founder and former co-chair of the annual PS 321 Food Drive to benefit the CHIPS Food Pantry on 4th Ave., she also continues to sponsor private annual fundraising and "food- raising" efforts for CHIPS. In addition, Kate is an active volunteer within the local SFX Youth Sports Organization, as an asst. coach and team manager, and serves at her local St. Francis Xavier parish in various capacities.

Kate is originally from Fairfield County, Connecticut, but has called Park Slope home since 1996, when she and her husband moved back to his native Brooklyn neighborhood.

Kate graduated from Fordham University and spent almost 10 years at J.P. Morgan Chase in the field of Retail Bank Product Development/ Management & Marketing before deciding to stay at home and devote her time to her family and community. These days, when not volunteering, Kate is working toward developing a new career in the field of Real Estate at Halstead Brooklyn, LLC.

After 7 years as a proud Berkeley Carroll parent, Kate is honored to continue to serve the Berkeley Carroll community on the Parent Association.



Sarie Calkins

Candidate for Lower School Vice President (Grades 2-4)

Sarie Calkins and her husband Jonas Abney are the proud parents of Willow Abney, a first grader at Berkeley Carroll. Sarie grew up in St. Louis and graduated from The University of Colorado, Boulder, with a BA in English Literature.

After finishing college, Sarie taught high school English at the American Schools in various cities in Central and South America. Upon returning to the United States, she worked for several years in television production at Saturday Night Live. In 2000, she returned to teaching high school English and Spanish in the New York City school system. Currently, she serves on the Prospect Park Playground Committee.

Sarie is an active volunteer at Berkeley Carroll, having worked on the Halloween Committee and school Auction for the past three years and serving as a class parent. In addition, she serves on the Prospect Park Playground Committee.

Sarie looks forward to the opportunity to serve The Berkeley Carroll Parent Association.



Inna Berman

Candidate for Lower School Vice President (Grades Pre-K to 1)

Inna Berman and her husband Stephen have been a part of the Berkeley Carroll Community since 2008. Inna and Stephen are proud parents of Sydney, 11th grade, Abe, 8th grade and Erica, Pre-K4.

Inna was born in Moscow and moved to New York at the age of 12. She received her BA in International Relations and Political Science from Boston University.

Inna has been involved in various fundraising opportunities at Berkeley Carroll, and has hosted grade dinners for Middle and Upper school. Inna has also been a big part of the wider Park Slope community. While her three children attended preschool at Congregation Beth Elohim, Inna was actively involved in annual fundraisers and as a class representative in various capacities.

As a parent of three children attending Berkeley Carroll in Lower, Middle and Upper school, Inna is looking forward to dedicating her time as a Lower School Vice President of the Parent Association.



Kate Bilman
Candidate for Special Events Chair

Kate Bilman and her husband Joe are the proud parents of first grader Stella and Pre-K student Jack. They have been residents of Park Slope for close to ten years, and are delighted with the way their family's inclusion in the Berkeley Carroll community has strengthened their ties with the community, both through service and recreation. In her three years as a parent at Berkeley Carroll, Kate has contributed to the school in many ways. She has been a Parent Ambassador and Class Parent, but most notably serves on the committee that brings you the school's amazing annual Halloween Party. This year, she also provided support to the Auction Committee, creating the "Day of the Dead" themed class projects with the third grade, in addition to designing and producing signage for the event.

Kate grew up in Philadelphia; her education includes studies in literature at American University in Washington D.C., studies in language and art at the American University of Rome, and studies in landscape architecture and history at Cambridge University. She moved to Brooklyn in 1995 to begin her career in art sales and gallery management, earning the directorship of a small but well-established gallery with deep ties in Soho. There, Kate planned six exhibitions a year, and helped build private and corporate collections all over the world. She worked intimately with a group of contemporary international artists, and developed a specialty in the etchings and lithographs of Picasso. Kate's keen eye for design, ruthless organization skills, and relentless drive to make each exhibition flawless kept her busy at the gallery for more than a decade, after which she left to focus on her growing family.

Kate is excited to take on the challenges of the Special Events Chair. She hopes to use her experience in event planning and enthusiasm for volunteerism to bring some great events to our community.



Jonathan Glazer
Candidate for Communications Coordinator

Jonathan currently owns a small consulting company, CDS Associates, focused on customer intelligence and measuring satisfaction in the online space. Prior to that, Jonathan was the Creative Director for Agency.com where he helped develop some of the earliest websites for many fortune 500 companies.

Jonathan Studied Physics and Economics at the University of Denver, and holds a BA in Media Studies from SUNY Buffalo.

Jonathan and his wife Jennie live in Windsor Terrace with their two young children (Leah, 2nd grade and Harry, Kindergarten).



Justine Fludgate
Candidate for Secretary

Justine and her husband Matt, are the parents of second grader Katie, who has been at Berkeley Carroll since Kindergarten. Justine is currently a class representative for her daughter's second grade class and is a parent volunteer in the Parent Ambassador Program. Justine is also a Berkeley Carroll alumna Class of 1996 and life long Brooklyn resident. She received her BA in History from Brown University and is currently a Senior Vice President at Bank of America in Global Wealth & Investment Management Marketing. Justine is excited to become part of the Parent Association at Berkeley Carroll.