2016 Ballot for CVA's School Board Election

Five licensed teachers, three parents and one community member will serve on the Board of Directors for Cyber Village Academy.

Please vote for one (1) teacher, one (1) parent for a 3-year term and one (1) parent for a 1-year term and one (1) community member (all terms are 3-year terms unless otherwise stated). Mark your choices with an X and drop your ballot in the ballot box. Your vote will remain confidential.

Teachers (vote for 1) 3-year term
_____ Amy Smith _____ Lauren Odle _____ write-in for _____

Parents (vote for 1) 3-year term
_____ Dave Barcus _____ Beth Samy _____ write-in for _____

Parents (vote for 1) 1-year term
_____ Mary Jane Marx _____ write-in for _____

Community Member (vote for 1) 3-year term
_____ Cherie Neima _____ write-in for _____

Name: Amy Smith **City of Residence:** Eagan, MN

Category of the nominee: Teacher

Biographical information (educational background, work experience, board experience, CVA connections, etc): I was educated at University of Northern Iowa. This is my third year at CVA and my sixth year of teaching. Prior to moving to Minnesota, I worked at Pekin Community Schools in Iowa, where I served on numerous committees for leadership.

Please include a statement of 50 words or less as to why you are interested in being a CVA Board member: I am interested in taking on more leadership responsibilities at CVA to advance my skills as an educator. I think I know our staff, parents and students well and could bring great perspective to a decision-making entity. I'd love to be a part of making CVA an even better place that it already is.

Name: Lauren H. Odle **City of Residence:** Minneapolis

Category of the nominee: Teacher

Biographical information (educational background, work experience, board experience, CVA connections, etc):

- BA in Music
- Post Bac. Spanish + K-12 teaching certificate
- Music assistant, Grantsburg School District, 1977-2000
- Spanish Teacher 2001 - Present (at CVA since 2007)

Please include a statement of 50 words or less as to why you are interested in being a CVA Board member: As a long time teacher and previous board member (2007-2011) I am deeply interested in the success of CVA. I would like to serve our community in this way to help the school continue to prosper.

Name: Dave Barcus **City of Residence:** St. Paul

Category of the nominee: Parent

Biographical information (educational background, work experience, board experience, CVA connections, etc):

- Former small business owner
- BA in Hospitality Management
- AOS Culinary Arts
- Proud parent of a CVA kindergartner

Please include a statement of 50 words or less as to why you are interested in being a CVA Board member: THe minute my family and I walked into CVA we felt welcome and included. I have seen my son Henry blossom into and engaged student who is excited about learning and going to school each day. The teachers and staff I have engaged with have been nothing short of amazing. I want to be on the board to see that everyone's experience is the same as ours and to continue that well into the future.

Name: Beth Samy **City of Residence:** Inver Grove Heights

Category of the nominee: Parent

Biographical information (educational background, work experience, board experience, CVA connections, etc): I have a degree in Child Development and Family Science from North Dakota State University. I am a Program Manager at Thomas Allen, Inc. supervising staff that work with clients with traumatic brain injuries, mental illness and/or developmental delays. I currently have a 8th and 10th grader and next year will also have my youngest attending kindergarten at CVA.

Please include a statement of 50 words or less as to why you are interested in being a CVA Board member: I am interested in being a CVA Board member because my children attend CVA and I would enjoy learning more about the school and helping it grow.

Name: Mary Jane Marx **City of Residence:** Minnetonka, MN

Category of the nominee: Parent

Biographical information

- **CVA connections:**
  - Parent of Spencer Marx, 10th grade, student at CVA since 2011
- **Education**:
  - Associate of Arts: Management, St. Cloud State University
  - Bachelor of Arts: Leadership and Human Development, Metropolitan State University
  - Master of Science: Education, Capella University (2016 expected)
- **Career:**
  - Online Instructor, Career Planning and Development, Capella University
  - Academic Advisor, School of Business and Technology, Capella University
  - Student Services Advisor, Metropolitan State University
  - Store Management, Target Corporation
  - Transportation Liaison for School District #882, Hoglund Transportation
- **Volunteer:**
  - Literacy Tutor, Metro North Adult Basic Education
  - Financial Literacy Teacher, Junior Achievement of Upper Midwest
  - Junior Great Books Committee, Monticello Schools

Please include a statement of 50 words or less as to why you are interested in being a CVA Board member: I am passionate about serving on the CVA Board becuase CVA has had a positive influence on my son's life and learning. By sharing my own skills and education with CVA, I hope to help them continue thier success into the future and effectively fulfill their mission to their students.

Name: Cherie Neima **City of Residence:** St. Paul

Category of the nominee: Community Member

Biographical information (educational background, work experience, board experience, CVA connections, etc): In 1998 I signed on to be part of an exciting opportunity at Cyber Village Academy when it was in the planning stages. I was fortunate to both design curriculum and teach Global Studies at CVA until I retired in 2013. During this time, I was also fortunate to serve as a teacher member of the Board. In 2014 I was asked to return to the Board as a community member. That year I was also asked to take on the part-time position of IB-MYP Coordinator at another charter school that serves almost 1000 students and where I continue to work.

Please include a statement of 50 words or less as to why you are interested in being a CVA Board member: With the exception of one summer, I've had over 18 years' experience in charter school education---from teaching, administrative, and governance points of view. If elected to the Board, I would love to continue to apply my skills and understanding to help develop and maintain the high standards that CVA is known for. Thank you.