

Board Announcement  
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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 4152  
1031 Como Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55103

## Opening on the TCGIS Board of Directors

Unfortunately, Carly Stuber, one of the TCGIS Board of Directors has decided to step down from the Board. The Board thanks Carly for her tremendous service to the school while she served and is grateful for the work that she continues to do as part of the Communications and Development Committee. The term that Carly is vacating runs through May 2016. According to the TCGIS bylaws, the Board shall appoint a new board director into a term that has been vacated. The Governance Committee is charged with recruiting a pool of potential appointees and then recommending a candidate to the Board. The Board's Executive Committee has shared a list of skills/experience that would be desirable in the appointee (in order of priority) and that would complement the skills of the existing Board:

- Board Governance/Leadership
- Human Resources, Coaching, Ed. Training
- Operational Management
- Fundraising
- Legal
- Marketing
- Public Relations
- Finance

The Board plays a crucial role in providing direction, vision and continuity for our growing school community. We hope that you will give serious consideration to volunteering for this board position, or will take the time to recommend someone who you think would be willing and able to support the school in this way.

Anyone who is interested in being considered for the appointment should fill out an application and send it to Michelle Wallace, Governance Chair, at [mwallace@tcgis.org](mailto:mwallace@tcgis.org) or drop off the application at the front desk by **Friday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014**. The Governance Committee will make a recommendation to the Board in time for the appointment to be voted on at its February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

This year's regular TCGIS Board elections will be held on **Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**. At that time three new members will be elected to the nine-member board of directors. We will be looking for candidates who are interested in running soon so please consider either volunteering or talking

to people you know about this opportunity. You can find out more information about being on the board below:

Minnesota state law requires that a charter school's board of directors shall be composed of at least one licensed teacher at the school, one parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled at the school, and one interested community member who is not employed by the school and does not have a child enrolled in the school. The composition of the Board will meet these legal requirements for the 2014-2015 school year regardless of election results. Having a diverse board representing different points of view benefits the school in many ways.

One term on the board of directors consists of three years, and a director may serve for up to two consecutive terms. A key responsibility of a director is to participate in the development of policy and major decision-making at board meetings, which take place at least twelve times a year. Another key responsibility is to be active on an ongoing basis in at least one committee of board. Current board committees include Governance, Finance, Communications and Development and the Inclusivity Task Force.

Typical issues that arise at board meetings include financial oversight, hiring of staff, approval of the school calendar and curriculum, long-term facilities planning, long-term financial planning, and relations between the school and its authorizer, the Germanic-American Institute. In addition, all new board members are legally required to attend training in board governance, employment practices and policies, and financial management in the first year of the board term and one training each year after that.

TCGIS is committed to creating a safe and effective school environment for children, as well as managing all school business in a responsible manner. Therefore, all board members will be asked to supply the information needed to conduct a criminal background check.