

Candidate Statement: Randy Hubert

I have been a Princeton Charter School parent for the past thirteen years and currently have a daughter, Carly, in sixth grade as well as two PCS graduates, one a freshman at The Hun School and the other a graduate of Princeton High School who is finishing her freshman year at Duke University. My first year as a PCS parent, the lower school building did not exist and the campus center was not yet even a thought. But what was the same as today was the Charter School's deep commitment to its mission of providing a rigorous academic curriculum, setting the bar high, and giving all students a sense of confidence that they were capable of meeting the challenge.

I joined the Board three years ago at an exciting time – the Board had recently transitioned from being populated by a number of unbelievably dedicated founding charter members to a newer group of parents. One of the most rewarding aspects of my service as a Trustee over the past three years has been to help balance an openness to new initiatives while maintaining fidelity to PCS's mission. I co-chaired the Long Range planning committee which developed PCS's first long range plan. The plan prioritized significant and necessary investments in both human and financial resources to overhaul and strengthen PCS's special education and support programs and to bring our use of technology (both in and out of the classroom) in line with today's educational needs. One goal of mine over the next three years is to oversee the full implementation of that multi-year plan.

I believe that PCS's biggest asset is our outstanding faculty and administration and one of the highest priorities for me moving forward is to insure that PCS continues to attract, develop and maintain outstanding teachers. Working on the personnel committee, we have started to explore new recruiting avenues for faculty and are in the process of developing salary guidelines to provide greater clarity and transparency in this area. I very much look forward to continuing to work with the administration to successfully complete these initiatives.

As chair of the Student Life committee this past year, I have worked with and supported Sue Kushner as she added lessons on digital citizenship to our ongoing character education efforts and community-building activities. In an effort to insure that our students function well autonomously as well as are academically prepared for high school, I have collaborated with the administration to foster increasing levels of age-appropriate independence for its middle school students and hope to continue to support the administration to effectuate this goal. Finally, having chaired the admissions committee for the last three years, I am thrilled that we have achieved our objectives of maintaining full enrollment with healthy wait lists for all grades. We have also increased our outreach efforts to underrepresented demographics at PCS including Hispanic and African-American families and those on free or reduced lunch. I hope to continue my involvement with the admissions committee.

I have truly enjoyed working in partnership with the administration, faculty and parent community as a Board member at our unique and outstanding school over the last three years and ask for your support to continue to serve for another three years.