

Four parents submitted Bios for one opening for Site Council parent rep for 2018-19 and 2019-20 (two year term).

Ballots will be emailed home 4/27 and are due back to the front office 5/4/18. In the meantime, please read about our four candidates. SMASH is lucky that so many parents are stepping forward for PTSA and Site Council positions this year.

CLAUDIA GUERRA

This year my youngest son, Dechen, finally joined his older brother, Kahlo, at SMASH. I am so happy to have the whole family under one academic roof, and so honored to be a part of this amazing community, that I keep looking for ways to give back. I am currently the Class Rep for the Partner class and regularly volunteer in the classroom, as well as help organize the Core 1 field trips. Next year, when Kahlo moves up to Core 2, I will become a two Core parent, and my interest in supporting the goals, philosophy and vision of the SMASH community will only be bigger. It would be an honor to be considered for the SMASH site council.

THERESE KELLY

I'm Therese Kelly, mom to Megan & Claire Kovac, in Cores 1 and 4. I believe children are infinitely capable, and deserving of a supportive environment that enables them to grow into their best, most confident selves. On site council at SMASH I'd like to support our top-notch staff and first-rate principal in helping set the goals and budgeting they need to make this happen. The needs of each child and family are important to me. As your parent rep to the council, I will listen to you, and actively represent your ideas and concerns.

GENE KLEIN

My name is Gene Klein and I'm currently a Core 2 parent. I'm interested in serving on the Site Council because I love SMASH and want to more actively participate in the community and the business of the school. I have been a television producer for almost 15 years and before that was an executive in the entertainment industry focused on corporate strategy. I'd like to offer the creative and analytical thinking I've developed over the years to help the school and, hopefully, also set a great example for my daughter.

ARATI DESAI WAGABAZA

I've been a member of the SMASH community since 2009. My son, Rio, is graduating this year and will be attending Samohi in the Fall and my daughter, Mira, will be in Core 4 / 7th grade. Over the years, I've attended countless PTSA and Site Council meetings, hosted and/or participated in many fundraisers, and helped in various ways around campus. I strongly believe in SMASH's ethos, am a proponent of inquiry-based learning at all ages and am particularly excited about the inclusion of a SMASH-like high school by 2019. I'm interested in becoming a member of Site Council in order to further assist in identifying and addressing areas of improvement at SMASH to help better meet the needs of all students.