

Groton Community School Board of Directors 2019-2020



Kaitlyn Brokaw **Member-at-Large**

Serving as a Director since November 2019

As a Yellow Room parent, I am impressed by the quality of education the students are receiving. I joined the Board of Directors to become more involved in the school and to help GCS continue to have a positive impact on the community through its ability to educate and instill community values in young children. I am a family nurse practitioner and provide healthcare for patients of all ages. Outside of work and volunteering, I enjoy creating art projects with my children, visiting family in Rhode Island and Maine, calligraphy, and cooking new recipes.



Beth Christoforo **Board of Directors Parent Representative Co-Chair**

Serving as a Director since October 2019
Current GCS Parent

I am excited that my daughter is in the Yellow Room, and happy to be joining the Board of Directors. I wanted to volunteer so I can actively participate in helping to facilitate the development of the children's and school's success. I am a mixed media artist who finds inspiration in my love of nature and travel.



Emily Crouse **Board of Directors Building & Grounds Co-Chair**

Serving as a Director since May 2017
Current GCS Parent

I really enjoyed getting to know my daughter's teachers and learning about the school as a room parent, and look forward to learning more in my new role on the Board. I very much want to get involved and help make a difference at the school that my daughter has enjoyed so enormously in her first school experience; and hope to continue to contribute as her little brother enters in the future. My professional experience is in Commercial Construction Project Management.



Laura Cummings **Board of Directors Vice President**

Serving as a Director since March 2018
Current GCS Parent

I am so thrilled with my experience at GCS with Camp Kaleidoscope and preschool for my son. I am constantly impressed with the dedication of the teachers, the thoughtfulness put into every activity, and the genuine compassion and kindness they demonstrate and teach. I want to be more involved in this community that embodies everything I believe as a parent and contribute as much as I can. I spend my days chasing creatures of one kind or another – I am a small animal veterinarian and a mom of two young children. I love skiing, hiking National Parks, traveling and sleep (someday!).

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Ashley Dotchin **Board of Directors Treasurer**

*Serving as a Director since August 2019
Current GCS Parent*

We are a returning GCS family and couldn't ask for a better environment to leave our children in. The staff is so caring and loving. Our children look forward to school days and what they're going to learn. I wanted to become more involved in the school community, and to help in any way I can. Everyone works so hard to make sure that the school is a welcoming environment for children and families. I am an estate planning lawyer who enjoys helping families throughout Massachusetts. I love spending time with my family, exploring our community and surrounding towns with them, and traveling.



Kate Ferriola **Board of Directors President**

*Serving as a Director since April 2016
Current GCS Parent*

I am thoroughly enjoying being a part of this community and learning about all the effort it takes to make this school so wonderful. With my oldest as a GCS alum, and my middle child now attending, I wanted to become as involved as I could in giving the children that choose to attend GCS the best learning and social experience possible. I am a native of Dunstable, a graduate of the GDRSD, and have a Master's Degree in English and Publishing. I am Managing Editor for a legal publishing company.



Rebecca Freeman **Board of Directors Secretary**

*Serving as a Director since October 2018
Current GCS Parent*

GCS felt like a perfect fit from the moment I stepped through the door, just months after moving to Groton. My oldest daughter started first and my youngest has joined her as well. I couldn't have imagined a better early education experience, so I wanted to join the Board to make my own small contribution to this place that is such an important part of my girls' lives. I am a former Air Force Civil Engineer and current stay-at-home mom. I enjoy swimming, biking, and running (when I'm not nursing an injury) and have recently been playing trumpet with the Nashoba Valley Concert Band.



Cindi Lane-Hand **Board of Directors Parent Representative Co-Chair**

*Serving as a Director since December 2017
Current GCS Parent*

When we moved to Groton, we immediately enrolled our daughter, followed by our son, and our youngest will attend someday, too. This is an exciting time to be part of the GCS community! I am passionate about meeting the social, emotional, and academic needs of children, and want to support the staff in continuing to offer the highest quality early childhood experiences to foster growth and development. I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Neurotherapist who specializes in working with children, adolescents, and families. Outside of my professional life, I love spending time with family exploring our new community, running, and leading a fabulous group of Daisy Girl Scouts.

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**Linda Kosinski
GCS Director**

*MA Leadership, BS Elementary Education, AA Early Childhood Education
With GCS since 1985*

Non-voting GCS Trustee and Member of Board of Directors, Past GCS Parent

In my years at GCS, I have taught Pre-K, Kindergarten, and served as Assistant and now school Director. I truly believe in the school's philosophy and embrace meeting the need for good early childhood programming that should be available to families and young children. I appreciate the talent and caliber of GCS teaching staff, feel privileged that my children were able to attend, and proud to be part of the GCS community.



**Kelly Lopez
Board of Directors Public Relations Co-Chair**

Serving as a Director since October 2019

Current GCS Parent



**Terri Martin
Full Day Coordinator, Summer Camp Director,
Head Teacher Extended Day**

BS Early Childhood Education

With GCS since 1995

Non-voting Member of Board of Directors

Groton Community School is "my happy place." Teaching is my passion...it is what I am meant to do. I live with my husband and our two wonderful dogs, Hondo and Shiloh.



**Megan Petka
Board of Directors Fundraising Co-Chair**

Serving as a Director since January 2019

Current GCS Parent

As a parent of a child attending GCS, my expectations have been exceeded because of the caring, talented teachers and staff who welcome everyone like family, and for the relationships my daughter has formed. I love being able to give back by volunteering my time to the school that brings my daughter such joy. I have lived in Groton my entire life and love the outdoors, especially the beach, animals, and spending time with my family.

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Bill Rochefort **Board of Directors Fundraising Co-Chair**

*Serving as a Director since April 2017
Current GCS Parent*

The Aqua Room was a wonderful start for our daughter! I wanted to help the school as a Board Member because we have had such a great first experience as a Full Day, and now a Pre-K family. I enjoy my work at Phoenix Screenprinting because it lets me do all the fun stuff I want to do outside of work.



Lisa Stafford **GCS Assistant Director, My Grown-up and Me Instructor**

*MA Philosophy, BS Computer Science, Math & Philosophy, Bachelor's Equivalence ECE
With GCS since 1995
Non-voting GCS Trustee and Member of Board of Directors, Past GCS Parent*

I felt "at home" from my very first experience as a GCS parent, and I started teaching at GCS the following year. My daughter is a now teacher on her own, and I am still working where she attended Preschool and Kindergarten! Groton Community School takes its middle name seriously, and I enjoy being a part of a dedicated, loyal, and caring community that continues to impact the lives of so many children and families! Outside of GCS, I enjoy walking, kayaking, Zumba and African drumming.



Christina Sutherland **Member-at-Large**

Serving as a Director since November 2019

When my family and I first moved to Groton, we searched for a preschool for our oldest daughter. Our first experience with GCS was the My Grown-up and Me Program. GCS has such a warm and friendly environment that comes from the dedicated teachers and staff. Right away we knew GCS was a perfect for us. I joined the Board as I want to get involved and help support a place that brings so much joy to my daughter, and hope to continue as her younger sister attends in the future. I currently work in Post Market Surveillance for a medical device company. I enjoy skiing, traveling (when I can) and spending time with my family.



Brie Weider **Board of Directors Public Relations Co-Chair**

*Serving as a Director since November 2017
Current GCS Parent*

I am originally from Groton, and was happy to move back with my husband and son, and to enroll him at GCS! I joined the Board to get more involved in the community and meet new people. My background is in retail display, sales and customer service. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Art, and have taught private lessons. Although I don't use the fine art training often, I am pretty crafty. I recently started a new career as a buyer's agent on the Kehoe Team at Keller Williams. I enjoy applying my experience as a Realtor to the annual Home Tour.