

Groton Community School

Board of Directors

2022-2023



Jessica Barie

Board of Directors Building and Grounds Co-Chair

Serving as a Director x to x and since September 2022

Current GCS Parent

buildingandgrounds@grotoncommunityschool.org

I am so happy to be back for round 3 and starting a new adventure with GCS. I love GCS! The foundations given to my children through their time here has been essential in their academic and social lives. I want to give back and support the school so that it may give the same to more and more students. I am an avid baker and cook, and I like to challenge myself with new recipes and ingredients often, much to the pleasure of my family.



Otonye Braide-Moncoeur

Board of Directors Member-at-Large

Serving as a Director since November 2022

Current GCS Parent

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I love the sense of community created at GCS and of course, the experience my son is having here. It has become very clear that the staff, teachers, Board of Directors, Trustees, volunteers and parents invest in making GCS an enriching environment where children can thrive, be inspired and make memories. Any opportunity to support the mission of this community is worthwhile. I am passionate about my faith, my role as a professor, and about my family (hubs and three littles). I also love to sing and to retreat to the mountains when time allows.



Kaitlyn Brokaw

Board of Directors President

Serving as a Director since November 2019

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As a parent of a second child going through GCS, I continue to be 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 formerly worked as a family nurse practitioner and provided healthcare for patients of all ages. I've hit pause on my career and am currently a stay-at-home mom and volunteer in the community. In my free time, I enjoy creating art projects with my children, visiting family in Rhode Island and Maine, calligraphy, and gardening.

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Beth Christoforo
Board of Directors Parent Representative Co-Chair

Serving as a Director since October 2019

Current GCS Parent

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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.



Laura Cummings
Board of Directors Vice President

Serving as a Director since March 2018

Past GCS Parent

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I am so thrilled with my experiences at GCS with Camp Kaleidoscope and preschool for my son and daughter. 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!).



Lindsay Guaraldi
Board of Directors Fundraising Co-Chair

Serving as a Director since

Current GCS Parent

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Laura Hankin

Board of Directors Building and Grounds Co-Chair

Serving as a Director since

Current GCS Parent

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Our family loves Groton Community School! We moved to Groton during the Pandemic and are so grateful for our son's early childhood experience at GCS. From the moment we walked in, we felt welcome and safe. The staff is truly one-in-a-million - hardworking, creative and kind. I joined the Board of Directors because volunteering is important and keeps the school running behind the scenes. Plus, I've made friends and had fun along the way! In my personal time, I enjoy gardening, reading, running, and skiing.



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

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I have been with Groton Community School for over 30 years and was in the classroom as the Kindergarten/Pre-Kindergarten Teacher prior to moving in the administrative role. I truly believe in the school's philosophy and embrace meeting the need for good early childhood programming being available for families and young children. I appreciate the talent and caliber of GCS teaching staff, feel very privileged that my own children had the opportunity to attend GCS when they were young, and am so proud to be part of the GCS community. During my off time, I enjoy gardening, exercise and catching a Bruins game whenever possible.



Kelly Lopez

Board of Directors Member-at-Large

Serving as a Director since October 2019

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Justine Mannix

Board of Directors Secretary

Serving as a Director since October 2022

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GCS is a special school I was lucky enough to attend (in the Purple Room) and am thrilled to see my daughter so happy as a student now. The teachers and staff are the most dedicated, kind, and talented educators I have met in early childhood education. I became a board member to support the school and help welcome new families into our community. Outside of GCS, I work as a Commercial Insurance Underwriter and live in Groton with my wonderful husband and kids. I love country music, dancing, and exploring local spots.



Terri Martin

**Full Day Coordinator, Summer Camp Director,
Head Teacher Pre-K Extended Day**

BS Early Childhood Education

With GCS since 1995

Non-voting Member of Board of Directors

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Groton Community School is "my happy place." Teaching is my passion...it is what I am meant to do. I live with my husband in Ashburnham.



Colleen Neff

Board of Directors Treasurer

Serving as a Director since May 2020

Past GCS Parent

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Our family treasures the time spent at this well-loved and respected school. I have served in this role for 3 years now. Although I no longer have a child at GCS, I am still an active member of the GCS community. I hold a BS in Accounting and am currently Senior Director of Human Resources at a biotech company in Lexington. In addition to this role with GCS, I volunteer as grant coordinator for the Groton Dunstable Middle School PTO and Swallow Union PTO, and co-chair the district-wide elementary science fair.

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Kaitie Phinney **Board of Directors Member-at-Large**

Serving as A Director since 2023

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I am so happy to be a part of the GCS community! It took a long time to find a school that was a good fit for my son, and he has been thriving since he started here. I cannot say enough wonderful things about the Staff and Board of Directors. It is evident that everyone at GCS cares deeply about helping every child find the best versions of themselves. I joined the Board to be able to give back and to become a stronger part of the community and meet new people. Outside of GCS I work as an Operations Program Manager and Data Analyst. In my free time I love to cook and bake with my kids and visit family in Rhode Island and Martha's Vineyard.



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

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I felt "at home" from my very first experience as a GCS parent in 1994, and I started teaching at GCS the following year. I am still working at the school where my daughter attended 2 years of Preschool and Kindergarten, and now my granddaughter attends! 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, African drumming, and playing with grandchildren.



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

Serving as a Director since November 2017

Current GCS Parent

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I am originally from Groton, and was happy to move back with my husband and son, and to enroll him at GCS! My daughter now attends! 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 am enjoying a new career as a buyer's agent on the Kehoe Team at Keller Williams.