

## AVA Campaign

Name: **Michael Brumbaugh**

1. Why do you want to serve on the Aspen View Academy Board of Directors? It is my desire to volunteer on the AVA Board of Directors to serve our kid's school which provides a superior academic curriculum. I feel it is imperative in the current state of our culture for positive values to be protected. Therefore we need to act and serve rather than just sitting on the sidelines. With this, I would like to volunteer to serve on Aspen View Academy Board to serve this amazing school, staff, families and the students of AVA.

2. Describe any skills, talents, and abilities that will help you be an effective board member. I have served previously on two school boards, I own an event/marketing/DJ company, and I have raised a cumulative \$140k total in events for our kid's schools in the past by promoting event fundraisers. I believe in the motto "go big or go home." I do not like multiple small fundraisers, i.e. selling wrapping paper, I enjoy putting on a big fundraiser, bringing families and the community together, using it to raise funds for the school while also using it to market the school, a win/win event.

3. How have you contributed to Aspen View Academy to date? I have volunteered annually for "WatchDog" days, I have promoted school events on my online platforms, DJ'd middle school dances and movie nights for Aspen View.

4. Please share anything else you would like the Aspen View community to know. I am passionate about protecting our kid's right to a positive educational environment. I feel this is the standard AVA board members have set to date, and I look forward to continuing that track. AVA provides superior academics and have done an amazing job keeping certain agendas out of our school. A school is a place to teach superior academics, not push agendas. If I am on the AVA board, I will do my best to maintain what they have instilled and make sure that AVA stays focusing on superior academics with zero particular agendas.

Campaign Questionnaire for: **Jacob Johnson**

1. Why do you want to serve on the Aspen View Academy Board of Directors?

**When you generate a smile on a child's face at Aspen View that is really all the motivation you need. Walking down the halls, high fiving the kids, going to lunch with my son, and volunteering in the classroom you really get a sense for the energy and culture at AVA. My goal is to try and be a true "Steward" for the school through the board role and continue to help promote and protect this great AVA community that we have.**

**AVA has done an incredible job of navigating the environment over the last few years. It is a model of what should be when things get tough. We should not accept excuses or lower standards but adapt when needed and keep pushing for excellence. I am new to the Academic segment but would also look to better understand and find maybe a further balance with the budget and looking at things like staff/faculty wages, PTO programs, and cost of living adjustments in conjunction with talent retainment and acquisition.**

2. Describe any skills, talents, and abilities that will help you be an effective board member.

**I believe my dynamic background, experience, and people intelligence will serve the board well in a collaborative manner. I have spent the last 15 years in senior management roles and now an executive role, managing large P/L businesses, building markets, managing and developing people and teams and developing a strong business and financial acumen that combined I believe will serve the board well. I also co-founded and sit on the board of a charity foundation. Through this experience this has driven in me a different level of outlook and community outreach, reward, and commitment. I also tend to be fairly even keel and although personal beliefs may be strong and I would certainly take my son's experience and feedback into account it is important to focus on the greater solution and find a balanced outcome that also aligns with AVA's core values.**

3. How have you contributed to Aspen View Academy to date?

**We have been at Aspen View now for four years, our son started when he was in kindergarten and is now in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Covid unfortunately derailed a large majority of volunteer opportunities in 20/21, but I have volunteered as Watch Dog (awesome program), carpool help, and helped in the classroom this year on many occasions and continue to volunteer and enjoy the AVA volunteer programs. My wife and I enjoy supporting the school and being involved as much as we can.**

4. Please share anything else you would like the Aspen View community to know.

**I truly find passion and energy in helping others and looking for opportunities to simply make things better, I really believe that if you have the talent, experience, and desire to serve than you should help and support where you can. I look forward to hopefully serving on the board and it would be an absolute honor to serve and help the AVA community in this role.**

Name: Erin Lontai

1. Why do you want to serve on the Aspen View Academy Board of Directors?

As a mother of 3 young children, we will be attending Aspen View Academy for the next 10 years. I am a former elementary teacher, with experience in both public and private schools, so I know the ins and outs of a classroom and would now like to learn how a school as a whole operates. I look forward to sharing my time and talents to benefit our school. I also would like to ensure that our parents and teachers have a voice when it comes to making educational and administrative decisions. As a parent, I also have a personal interest in preserving and improving the quality of our school. The AVA Board has done a phenomenal job the past ten years and I would like to help the school continue to grow in the right direction. I believe all students deserve a quality education and would like to help make that possible for current and future students.

2. Describe any skills, talents, and abilities that will help you be an effective board member.

I obtained a bachelor's degree in business management from Eastern Illinois University, as well as a Master's degree in elementary education from DePaul University. I am a good listener and an effective communicator who enjoys working with others. I will listen and contribute when it comes to new ideas for the school. My elementary education background has provided me with a fair amount of knowledge when it comes to the classroom. I am also very organized and eager to learn.

3. How have you contributed to Aspen View Academy to date?

I have thoroughly enjoyed working in my son's classroom and am always willing to help his teacher when it comes to parent volunteers. I helped out at the Fun Run and have volunteered for various jobs in the school as well. I also take pleasure in contributing food to the teacher's lounge and monthly lunches, something the teachers and staff truly deserve.

4. Please share anything else you would like the Aspen View community to know.

We chose AVA over our neighborhood school because of the academics, great teachers, and amazing administration. My hope is to see AVA continue to strive to be the best school for our children.

Name: **Eric Lute**

1. Why do you want to serve on the Aspen View Academy Board of Directors?

I want to serve on the Aspen View Academy Board of Directors to continue the extraordinary guidance and delivery of an exceptional education to the students of AVA. After two years of trying times, it has become apparent that the elected leaders are a critical part of ensuring freedom and values are instilled to our children. As a father of three, I want to serve on the board and want to be able to fight for the right for parents to make choices for their own families as well as receive a proper education for all of our kids. I have been pleased with how the current AVA Board has operated, and hope to be a part of future decision making. I feel led in the direction to step up and be a part of leadership at this school to show my children that you need to stand up and fight for what you feel is important. We are a conservative Christian family, and I look forward to bringing conservative wholesome values to the table if I would become part of the Board of Directors.

2. Describe any skills, talents, and abilities that will help you be an effective board member.

As an engineer I dive deep to understand the details of complex issues and develop solutions to solve them. Engineering is all about finding solutions while weighing the risks and costs. I will use this risk assessment and problem-solving background to make decisions in the best interest of the school, families and students. I feel that I have a great ability to work and collaborate with others which will prove valuable in a board setting. I also understand that the board won't always agree but will need open minded people to collaborate and convene on a common decision.

3. How have you contributed to Aspen View Academy to date?

I am currently serving on the Aspen View Academy School Accountability Committee (SAC). I was a part of a sub committee to refine and launch the parent survey this year. I have also volunteered in my children's classrooms.

4. Please share anything else you would like the Aspen View community to know.

I currently have two children attending and one more to come, so I have a very vested interest in seeing this school succeed. I will work hard to ensure the best education, environment and core values for children if elected. One of my goals is to help keep parents in the driver seats while simultaneously ensuring an exceptional education is provided to each student at AVA.

## Dr. Leanne Weyman

### Aspen View Academy Board of Directors Candidate Questionnaire

Name: Dr. Leanne Weyman

1. Why do you want to serve on the Aspen View Academy Board of Directors?

Since joining the charter school movement in 2010, I have been a strong advocate for Charter Schools in Douglas County. My passion for charter education led me to earn my Doctorate of Education in Charter School Administration in 2019. I believe that charter schools offer parents (like me and others) the opportunity to enroll their students in an agile school environment that has the freedom to respond to the needs of the students and community. In addition to my passion for Charter Education, it is important to me to be involved in the education of my two sons, Hudson - 7, and Theo - almost 3. I know that my boys will have a long and successful experience at Aspen View Academy and I feel it is my responsibility to help support the amazing teachers, staff and administration of our school.

2. Describe any skills, talents, and abilities that will help you be an effective board member.

In addition to my Doctorate of Education in Charter School Administration, I also have my Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and I earned my Bachelor's degree as a double major in Biology and Secondary Education. I started my career in education as a 6th grade science teacher and taught in Florida, Pennsylvania and then Colorado. In 2012, I moved into the field of Charter School Administration and have served as a Charter School Leader in Charter Schools in Douglas County and District 49. I have also worked closely with school boards and I understand the unique relationship that must exist between an effective board of directors and an effective administrator. In my role on the AVA board, I would hope to use my background and experience to focus on the successful execution of the AVA strategic plan while supporting the AVA staff and administration.

3. How have you contributed to Aspen View Academy to date?

My son, Hudson, has had an exceptional year in first grade. I have enjoyed volunteering in his math classroom, acting as a mystery reader, helping with the Halloween class party and donating classroom treats.

4. Please share anything else you would like the Aspen View community to know.

I believe that AVA is an exceptional school that fosters and grows the infinite potential of each student. In addition, I believe that our teachers and staff members deserve the support and reverence of the entire community as they tackle this important endeavor. As a board member I hope to be able to serve the AVA community as a knowledgeable, receptive and communicative leader in order to ensure the success of all of our amazing students and staff.