

## Board of Trustees Questionnaire

Name: Jessica Clements

How long have you been a member of Halifax Academy? 5 yrs.

What grade are your children in at Halifax Academy?

Name: Logan Clements Grade: 4

Name: Lyndon Clements Grade: 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you running for the Board of Trustees (BOT)?

As a current member of the BOT, I feel like I've been a valuable member helping with fundraising opportunities throughout the years. While this year has been different, I look forward to potentially continuing to help the Board make great decisions in the education of young minds.

What experience and skills do you have which makes you a good choice for the BOT?

As a former teacher with a Master's degree, I feel that I bring an opinion to the Board that others may not.

Why did you choose Halifax Academy to educate your children?

My husband attended HA from 4th grade - 12th grade. We always knew this is where our children would go. Small family feel and more individualized classrooms.

What is Halifax Academy's strength?

HAA has many strengths but those that directly affect me/my family are the small classroom sizes, the personal relationships we've formed with teachers & staff, and their ability to work together to overcome virtual learning & face to face instruction during a difficult time like COVID.

What area does the BOT need to focus on to improve Halifax Academy?

Before I would have said technology but we've really stepped up our game there with SmartBoards, chromebooks, document cameras, etc. My 2nd opinion would be continuing to bring in more certified teachers for the positions that come available - growing our tiny school.

What, in your opinion, is the most important issue facing Halifax Academy, and how would you address the issue as a member of the BOT?

Our most current issues have been surrounding the COVID closures & reopening & following mandates as best as possible so our children can continue to go to school, face to face. As a member, I would support Mr. Ferguson in his efforts to maintain a healthy environment for our kids.

How would you, as a BOT member, maintain affordable tuition and modernize the existing structures?

Tuition is relative & won't ever be the same. Cost of living, goods such as books, online programs, etc are always on the rise even if just slightly - this is where fundraising comes into play. The more we fundraise, the more we can use outside funds to modernize our structures and continue education on the rise!

What would you tell prospective members about Halifax Academy?

I get asked a lot how we like HAA especially since I taught in RRBSD - I always tell them how much we LOVE the school, the teachers & staff, the opportunities our kids have, & how we'll be around for many years to come!