

LAGUNITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY

APPLICATION FORM

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Biographical Information

1. Occupation: Teacher, Sir Francis Drake High School, (www.tamdistrict.org//Domain/393)

2. Education:

- Open Classroom through 6th grade
- Lagunitas School class of 1983
- Drake High School class of 1987: sports, drama, journalism, student government, Latin Club.
- College Of Marin Associate Arts degree, Liberal Studies, honor roll, 1990,
- University of California at Santa Cruz Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theater Arts, Porter College Honors, 1992
- Dominican University: Single Subject Teaching Credentials in English and Art.

3. Public Schools Related Experience:

- Worked at Zoila's after school care 1993-1996.
- Taught Middle School Physical Education, Drama and Cartooning electives 1995-96.
- Stage managed, wrote and directed after-school musical theater productions with SGV Community Alliance 1994-96.
- Directed 8th grade play as inaugural use of new middle school amphitheater, 2000.
- Directed theater productions with Ross Valley Community for Schools (now called YES Foundation), 1995-2011.
- Served on all three Gym Committees ('80's led by Steve Kinsey, '90's led by John Smithyman, '00's led by Andrew Giacomini).
- Founded and Co-Commissioner Valley Games, 2007, 2009, 2011.
- Served on original Healthy Start planning grant committee 1995; developed and administered youth needs assessment survey that led to identifying transportation as top need.
- Teacher at Drake High School (2000- present) in the Revolution Of Core Knowledge mixed-age, project-based, cross-curricular program. (www.tamdistrict.org//site/Default.aspx?PageID=1073).
- Selected twice (2007, 2009) to serve on the Drake Plan Team that designed and led the staff-wide professional development.
- Drake Link Crew Coordinator (2008-present) at Drake, leading freshmen orientation and yearlong support structures for all ninth graders.
- Drake Theater Facility Coordinator, managing the online calendar and working with groups who rent the Little Theater.
- Represented both the Waldorf-Inspired and the Open Classroom parent groups as Board Liaison, 2009-11.
- Serve as Secretary for Open Classroom parent group, 2010-present.

4. Community Involvement:

- Woodacre Improvement Club summer camp field trip specialist, 1987.
- Tipi counselor, drama teacher, teen-staff Trainer, Supervisor and Performance Coordinator at Camp Winnarainbow, 1991-2011.
- Co-founder of Go Geronimo transportation initiative program (www.gogeronimo.org), 1996.
- Camp Director, Camp Eureka, Idaho. 1999-2005.
- San Anselmo Baseball Association Coach, 1998.
- West Marin Youth Soccer League Assistant Coach, 2007 .
- West Marin Little League assistant coach, 2011.
- Coach CYO basketball 1988-89, 93-95, 2008-11.
- Program Director for Project Avary (Alternative Ventures for At Risk Youth), San Rafael, 1999-2006.
- Project Avary Advisory Board member. 2006-present (projectavary.org).
- Master of Ceremonies for the SGV Community Center's St. Patrick's Day Talent Show, 1995-present.

5. Years of Residence in the San Geronimo Valley: 43; Born in Forest Knolls in 1968 and lived my whole life in the SGV.

Please briefly explain how you can assist the Board of Trustees as a member. Please confine your statement to 100 words or less.

As an alumnus, a lifelong Valley resident, a parent of children in two of the District's unique programs, and one who already attends the Board's meetings, I feel uniquely suited to join the Board and help navigate our fine school as we continue forward in these delicate economic times. I do not have a particular, myopic agenda which would hinder a Trustee's ability to see the big picture and work for the greater good of the District. I have good relationships with many people on the staff, in the parent communities, and with the students who I see and work with at Drake upon their graduation.

Signature and Date: _____

James G. Thurston 1-3-12

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