



Dear Rock Prairie Montessori Members:

The Governance Committee is soliciting interest from RPMS parents who would be interested in joining the Board of Trustees. RPMS provides a safe, high quality, nurturing learning environment to the children of Janesville and its surrounding communities. Being an RPMS Trustee is a fulfilling way to participate in the lives these children and to add value to our community and this unique and treasured resource. Positions depend on availability of open seats on the board.

We encourage anyone who is interested to begin the process by speaking with a member of the Board and Head of School. Our goal is to make sure that our candidates have a good sense of the responsibilities of this position and are able to ask questions in an informal setting. If a person does wish to be considered, the next step is an interview with the Governance Committee. Based on this information, the Governance Committee will develop a slate of potential candidates for approval by the Board and present the slate to the Board. The Board will determine the final slate of candidates and present this slate to RPMS members for approval at the annual meeting.

Trustees are elected by the membership of the School and serve a three-year term. The Board meets approximately monthly during the school year. Trustees also serve on a committee or task forces of the Board and are expected to attend and participate in School gatherings and events.

You can expect RPMS to use your time judiciously and in a manner that will return value to your personal contribution. Also, you will be provided with: (1) information necessary for you to fulfill your duties as Trustee in a timely manner; (2) a thorough orientation to the Board and the School and ongoing training, education, and self-evaluation tools and (3) directors and officer's liability insurance.

Thank you again for considering fulfilling this important role in our wonderful school.

Sincerely,

Governance Committee on Trustees

RPMS Trustee Candidate Application

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Please use the space below, and addition pages if necessary, to response to the following five items:

1. Introduce yourself.

2. Write a brief statement about why you wish to become a Trustee on the RPMS Board.

3. List your experience as a volunteer, including fundraising, committees and other not-for-profit board experience.

4. Describe any special training, skills or associations you have, which you think may be useful as an RPMS Trustee.

5. Provide any additional comments.