

Brashier Middle College Charter High School

2018 – 2019 Board Candidate Biographies

Lorene R. Heuvelman-Hutchinson

Dr. Lorene Heuvelman-Hutchinson is an academician, school psychologist, and professional counselor. She is intuitive in her understanding of difficulties and helps others extend their thinking to deeper problem solving. Dr. Hutchinson is an inspirational leader who is astutely aware of the strengths of others. She is known for her excellent decision-making skills and integrity.

Dr. Hutchinson is department chair for interdisciplinary studies and assistance professor in psychology at North Greenville University. Dr. Hutchinson holds licenses as a professional counselor and psycho-educational specialist. Her private practice, Upstate Mental Wellness, currently serves the Simpsonville community with counseling and evaluations for autism and other academic concerns.

Dr. Hutchinson earned her doctorate from Liberty University, EdS degree from University of South Florida, and her MS in clinical psychology from Illinois State University. A native of Chicago, Lorene and her husband, Greg, have been residing in SC for 3.5 years after Greg's retirement from the Army. Greg serves as an executive director of Boy Scouts for STEM scouting. Together, they have 5 children.

I have been incredibly impressed with Brashier Middle College and I have wanted to become more involved in the work of BMC. I believe my knowledge and expertise in education can be an asset to the team. BMC is an amazing school with excellent leadership and phenomenal teachers. I would love an opportunity to continue to support, develop, and participate in this continued progress.

My family and I have always been involved in our community in one way or another. Having been a military family for over 25 years, we always got involved wherever we lived even when it was only home for a few years. Currently, I serve on the Togetherhood Board for the GHS YMCA. But in the past, in Atlanta, we volunteered on the military installation running the movie theater. While in Germany, we were involved in the chapel system. In Maryland, I was on the board of the PWOC organization (related to chapel system). But, now that we are retired, and are calling SC our home, we have searched for ways to get plugged in and make a difference. I believe I can bring my expertise to the team and work together to maintain BMC as the best school in Greenville County!

Beth Reynolds

My name is Dr. Beth Reynolds. I have taught first grade in Greenville County for 22 years and I am currently a service coordinator for South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind serving children 0 to 3 years of age. I am also a virtual English teacher to children in China. I currently serve on the Board of Directors for Lead Academy Charter School in Greenville County. I also am a lead teacher for "AG in the Classroom" for South Carolina Farm Bureau where I educate students about South Carolina commodities and farming. My husband and I help my family run and operate a family business, Papa Bruce's Barnyard, which provides educational hands-on field trip experiences for early childhood, elementary, and special education students across the upstate. In conjunction with the family farm, I have written a children's book, Papa Bruce's Barnyard, which tells the story of a day in the life of Papa Bruce on the farm. My husband and I have 3 children: Anna who attends Lead Academy, Morgan who attends Furman University, and Nathan who is a corporate pilot. Nathan and Morgan are graduates of Brashier Middle College Charter High School.

I would like to serve on the Brashier Middle College Charter High School Board of Directors for the following reasons:

1. Create a shared vision for the learning culture.

2. Help foster improvements for the students and staff.
3. Improve facilities and resources to focus on academics.
4. Assure academic standards are met for the students' needs and success.
5. Support the charter school community

Lynn Magnan

I became part of the BMC Community in 2011 when my child's number came up on the gym wall proclaiming her admission into BMC. From that day on I have been an active member of the BMC Family. In 2012 I was involved in getting a BMC Swim Team into the water and competing. For the next 6 years I was the Swim Team Mom and part of the making of our highly successful BMC Swim Family where all are welcomed and recognized for their accomplishments. I continued to support BMC student athletes by volunteering to be the team parent for the Softball Team - 3 yrs, Girls Basketball Team - 1yr and Volleyball Team - 2 yrs. I volunteered participated and donated items to the various Brashier Events through the years. All these positions granted me the opportunity to build relationships with students parents teachers and administration.

Prior to children I received a Masters in Education at RIC. My career was short when I started a family. I was able to stay home. I have three children two of which still attend BMC and my oldest a Junior at USC. I have instilled the importance of academic excellence community service and the value of strengthening the mind - body.

In 2016, I broadened my focus from supporting athletic teams to becoming actively engaged after being elected to the BMC Board of Directors. During these two years, I was a member of the Community Relations Committee (CRC) and Governance Committee (GC). The CRC raised funds for the school, found ways for parents to get involved, and organized Parent Informational Sessions. As a GC member, the committee has been given the task of renewing the BMC Charter under our new sponsor, South Carolina Public Charter School District. The GC, teachers and administration are moving forward to bring the Charter up-to-date. I would like the opportunity to bring this task to completion with the BMC Team and Board Members.

As a Board member I will continue to focus on identifying and building strategies and programs that will support Brashier, its' Students and its' faculty and enable them to achieve their goals.

Nelson Pinochet

I'm originally from Santiago, Chile and have lived in the USA since I was a teenager. I attended High School and college in Buffalo, NY. I've also lived in Phoenix, AZ and Minneapolis, MN. My wife (Kim) and I have been in Greenville for the past 20 years, where we have raised our two daughters (Sydney and Brigitte) - both enrolled at BMC. Professionally, I lead IBM's Governance Risk and Compliance (GRC) Solutions team for the Americas. I have over 25 years of experience in software solutions pursuing roles in consulting, project management, product management, marketing and technical sales. Before joining IBM, I worked at OpenPages, Infor/Datastream, and Motorola. I hold an MBA in International Business from the University of South Carolina.

As a board member for the past 2 years, I've become proficient with the role, the expectations, and the decisions that must be made in regards to the school's direction. This valuable experience makes me an effective contributor to the board's decision-making process. I'm also very passionate about education and what it means to our children's personal fulfillment, and educational growth - considering our diverse, hyper-connected, global, and rapidly changing world. Having several family members who are educators, I've gained a good perspective and understanding of our educational system. Lastly, as a longtime resident of the Upstate, I'm compelled to make our school and our community the best it can be.

Geoffrey Harrison Lowe

I am the proud father of a Brashier Junior, Madi Lowe. Shortly after she was accepted at Brashier I started to volunteer at the school. It was during this time that I was able to help secure some charitable donations and lead several classes during the Arts intercessions. I also had the good fortune to be able to attend the School Choice rally in Columbia with the school.

I am currently an Area Manager with Walmart.Com. I have been with Walmart for just over 9 years. Prior to this I was a Joint Venture General Manager with Panera Bread and a member of the Simpsonville Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors. I also served two terms as the President for Homeowners association for the subdivision in which I live.

I am a level two volunteer with Greenville County Schools and enjoy doing so for both of my children's schools.

When not working I enjoy traveling with my family and attending my son's baseball games. (Langston Chargers and Palmetto Raptorz)

I have been married to my wife Elizabeth for the past 19 years. We have two children, Madison 17 and Brayden 12.

I have had the good fortune to have spent a little time with some current and former board members (Phil Romba, Kipra Anderson). During my time spent with them I have embraced the community that Mr. Sinclair has built. I truly enjoyed time spent in any capacity that was needed, Mrs. Ann Shockley has been a joy to work with and often allows me to get small projects done to help the school and its students. Some of my favorite projects were getting local restaurants in the area to offer lunches to our students that participated in the Arts intercessions classes that I lead for the two previous years. We missed the opportunity this past year, but hopefully we will be back next year.

Going forward I would like to help with fundraising and ensure that we are able to secure the best resources for our students, faculty and staff.