

BOARD FACT SHEET

MYTH: I don't have the time to serve on the board.

FACT: The time commitment required for board service is surprisingly small. The board meets 10 times per year for two hours. In addition, board members are expected to chair/co-chair one committee. The amount of time chairs spend on committee duties varies by committee and time of year, but averages perhaps three to five hours a month.

MYTH: I have to be a lawyer, accountant, or education expert to serve on the board.

FACT: Not true! With 11 voting members, our board has room for individuals from all kinds of backgrounds. Expertise in certain areas is sometimes required, but the board includes two appointed positions which can be used to fill specific needs. In addition, the school retains an accountant for the maintenance of its balance sheets.

MYTH: I don't know enough about the school because my child just started here.

FACT: Board membership is one of the best ways to learn about the school your child attends.

MYTH: My child has only one year left at Meeting House. Aren't board terms two years?

FACT: Most board openings are for two year terms. There are, however, occasional opportunities for one year commitments due to mid-term resignations by present board members. In addition, being a parent of a Meeting House student is not a requirement for board membership. Thus, board membership can certainly extend beyond your child's time at the school.

MYTH: I will have to run a heated campaign against my friends in order to attain a seat on the board.

FACT: There are sometimes as many openings as there are candidates. In addition, though you are certainly welcome to "run" for office, most candidates "stand" for office. That is, there are rarely heated campaigns for board membership. If you still feel uncomfortable with the process, please feel free to speak with Sarah about appointed positions on the board.