

2021-2022 Candidates for Parent School Based Decision Making Council

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Brandon Clark

I am a husband to an amazing woman and a girl dad to two healthy, smart, beautiful girls. My family and I just recently moved back to Lexington last summer. We have a 7-year old attending 1st grade at Glendover now and a 4 year old that will be attending Glendover in the years to come. We chose our home primarily due to the community and the wonderful school district.

My wife and I met while attending the University of Kentucky. I graduated with an undergrad degree in Elementary Education. During my time obtaining my degree, I worked with several schools and learned more than I could have ever imagined. However, rather than pursue my education career, I decided to go into business with my family. I did this with the hopes of improving the education system by means of a different influential path. I recently graduated with an MBA from Auburn University while working full-time and being a husband and father to two. I believe I have the means, work ethic and passion to help improve on an already stellar education experience at Glendover.

Being a multiracial family I have the benefit of bringing a variation of perspectives to the needs of the children and staff at Glendover Elementary. I have a multitude of family and close friends that are in the education system in multiple districts, counties and states and have been listening to their ideas, thoughts and concerns for many years now. If I am fortunate enough to be placed as a parent representative, I will not take it lightly. I will strive to build and improve an already great school for all those children, teachers and parents that call Glendover home.

Julia Phillips

Julia Phillips is the mother of Tommy Phillips, a rising third grader at Glendover Elementary. Julia served as a parent representative for the SBDM during the 2020-2021 academic year and looks forward to the opportunity to serve the Glendover community again.

Julia is a native of Illinois and moved to Lexington, Kentucky with her family in 2013. She has a master's degree in student affairs and has worked in higher education for nearly thirteen years. She has a wealth of experience performing case management and behavioral interventions for college students facing family, social, financial, and mental health crises. In her current role, Julia does compliance work within a University setting where she collaborates with administrators and leaders across campus to ensure policy adherence and where works closely with students, faculty, and staff to address complex compliance concerns. She has nearly five years, and growing, of professional experience with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, and Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972.

Julia understands how important it is for students to be academically and socially prepared for life after high school graduation, whether they choose college, a trade school, or something else entirely. She would like to see a K-12 academic environment where each child is celebrated for their unique gifts, encouraged to value the differences within their peers, and always confident for the next step.

Meredith Raybould

Glendover Elementary School is the best K-5 school in Fayette County. We have a special community that includes students from all over the world and for decades our school has been a model for embracing students and families from different cultures, who speak different languages, and who have so much to share with other children. I love Glendover and I am proud that all three of my daughters (Annabelle, 14, Clara, 11, and Juliette, 8) have been able to begin their education in such an amazing school surrounded by caring teachers and

eager peers. Once you have experienced the Glendover educational landscape, you know that it is something special!

I want to serve as the parent representative on Glendover's SBDM Council in order to represent the parent perspective in the policy, staffing, and budget decisions made within our school. I have learned that it is important to have a parent voice in policy decisions that will advocate for all the children in our school and one who can offer a perspective that is always with the students' best interests at the forefront. This year I have collaborated with The Prichard Committee for Educational Excellence to complete their Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership Fellowship program and worked hard to learn the most effective way to advocate for parents in our school community. As an SBDM rep, I will attend monthly PTA meetings to provide SBDM updates to the parents. I will also be available by phone or email and happily take any concerns to the school administration on your behalf.

I have served on the SBDM at the School for Creative and Performing Arts for 2 years and I have also served as a parent representative on the Saint Michael's School Board. I am a former FCPS elementary school teacher as well as a former preschool music teacher. Educational Policy is one of my passions and at my core I believe that all children in our community deserve an outstanding public education experience.

When my family and I moved back to Lexington after our time in the military, we knew that we wanted to live in the Glendover district - for us, there was no other consideration. Not only is my husband a K-5 Glendover alumnus, we also recognized then what we know now: Glendover Elementary is an awesome school and there isn't any school like it. It would be my honor to represent you on the SBDM council.