

Bessemer Academy Board of Director Nominee Questionnaire

Name: Debbie Harrison

Child(ren)'s name and grade: Dawson Harrison – 6th Grade

- Congratulations!! You have been nominated by one of the fellow BA parents to serve on Bessemer Academy's Board of Directors. Should you be selected by the nominating committee to be on the ballot it is important that you understand the commitment involved if you are elected to a 3 year term beginning in June.
- Board meeting information:
 1. Meetings are **typically** held on the third Thursday of every month beginning in June.
 2. Meetings **typically** begin around 5:30 – 6:00 pm and end around 7:00-7:30.
 3. There are usually 10 meetings/year. Some meetings are conference calls and the strategic planning meeting, held once per year, is usually held on a Sunday afternoon for several hours.
 4. Most meetings are held at Bessemer Academy.
- If you are elected to serve on the Board, you will be expected to attend nearly all of the Board meetings.
- If you do not wish to serve in this capacity please advise us. If you are willing to serve, please complete this form and return it to Brooke Nixon at brooke.m.nixon@gmail.com as soon as you can.

Please answer the following questions:

1. Where did you attend high school? Bessemer Academy Year Graduated 1982
2. Place of Employment? Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama (31 years)
3. How long has your child(ren) attended Bessemer Academy? 3 Years
4. Do you serve on any other Boards, Committees, or Associations? Finance Chair for Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church / Executive Board Member PHUMC and Administrative Board Member.

5. Why do you want to be on the Bessemer Academy Board of Directors / how do you believe you can be an asset to Bessemer Academy by joining the Board? : Before having my son at Bessemer Academy I continued to have an interest and follow the school over the years after graduation. My family benefited greatly academically, socially and morally from our attendance at Bessemer Academy. I would like to be a part of making sure that continues for others. I believe I can be an asset to the Board and the school with my history of the school, my corporate background experience and my experience on other boards and committees that I have served. I feel it is imperative to be involved and I feel I can contribute to the continued success of Bessemer Academy.
6. What is your perception of Bessemer Academy's current mission? (Optional) I believe the current mission of the school is to provide quality education but also to prepare the students morally and socially to be prepared for college or into the workforce upon graduation. I also believe the school strives to instill responsibility, honesty and self-worth for each student to prepare them for their life ahead. I think the school wants to continue with the high standards that have been successful for the school.

7. What do you see as the future direction of Bessemer Academy? (Optional) I see the school continuing to focus on the current standards, quality of education and personal growth for the students and balancing that with growth of the school. I believe it is important to continue to invest in the students, faculty and administration to maintain the excellence that the school has achieved and is known for. I think it is imperative to keep the standards high and invest in what has made the school a great school and a great experience for the students and families.

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