



Schoolcraft Learning Community

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TO: Members of the Schoolcraft Learning Community
FROM: Schoolcraft Learning Community Board Members
RE: Nominations/Elections for the Schoolcraft Board

Schoolcraft is in the process of implementing its 2012 school board election. You are eligible to be on the Schoolcraft board if you are a parent/guardian of a Schoolcraft student, a member of the Bemidji area community or are a licensed teacher employed at the school. The first step in the process is to create a field of candidates. You will find a SLC nomination form enclosed which includes the board member job description.

Three of the current seats on our six member board are up for election. At the January meeting, the Board elected to move to a seven person board, increasing the total number of open board positions to **four**. Charter school law mandates that licensed Schoolcraft personnel need to make up at least 20% of our school board, and that we have 1 community member. If you are interested in serving as a board member, please fill out the nomination form. If you wish to nominate another person, you may do so. They must agree to serve and fill out the form, listing you as the person nominating him or her. Please be aware that a copy of the completed nomination form will be sent out to all eligible voters prior to the election. You may download it from the website documents if you would like to word-process your answers. Nomination forms must be received at Schoolcraft by 3:00 PM on March 12, 2012. You may email them to shar@schoolcraft.org or mail them to the address listed on the nomination form.

Ballots will be sent out to all eligible voters on or around March 14, 2012. Ballots will be marked with a number to ensure accountability, but that number will not identify the voter to the board members counting the ballots. Ballots will be issued to voters who are defined as parents and guardians of students, school employees, and current board members. People who qualify in multiple categories will receive only one ballot. If an eligible voter does not receive a ballot they should contact Shar (586-3284) to get one. All ballots must be returned by 3:00 pm on March 28, 2012, at which time they will be counted. The number of votes received in excess of a majority will determine winners. In cases with many more candidates than seats, it is possible that some or all of the candidates will not receive a vote count totaling a majority. In that case, there will be a run-off for seats not won by a majority by the top vote getters with the total number of candidates to equal the number of seats available plus one. Run-off ballots would be sent out on April 4, 2012 and due back by 3:00 pm on April 16, 2012. Election results will be certified at the board meeting on April 17, 2012.

You can get additional nomination forms and board member information at the Schoolcraft office or on the website in the "Documents" section. Ballots will be mailed to all persons on the current Schoolcraft mailing database list, as well as all staff and board members of Schoolcraft Learning Community. If you are aware of any eligible voter inadvertently missed in the mailing, please have them contact the school to request election information.

Thank you for your consideration, cooperation and participation in this important aspect of Schoolcraft Learning Community. Please contact any one of the current board members with any questions you may have.

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