



## ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL 2021 CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Below is a list of candidates that are running for the St. Elizabeth 2021/2022 School Advisory Council.

*Candidates who are parishioners without children enrolled in the school:*

- Amy Aldrich
- Mary Beth Cary
- Molly Pease

There are three open positions, one of which will be filled by a parishioner without children enrolled in the school (listed above), and two by parents with children currently enrolled. Due to COVID elections will be held electronically on **Friday, April 23rd through Sunday, April 25th.**

All adult members of the parish (18 and over) and current school parents may vote. The link to the electronic ballot will be emailed to all parishioners and school parents at the email address on file with the parish/school on Friday, April 23rd. If you do not currently receive emails from the parish/school and would like to vote please contact the parish office at [info@stekc.org](mailto:info@stekc.org) or (816) 523-2405 prior to 4/23.

As per the School Advisory Council bylaws, the above slate of nominees was reduced from all submitted candidates to a ballot maximum of three times the open position by the nominating committee. Additionally, as the number of candidates (two) equaled the number of open positions for members *with children enrolled in the school* (two) voting is not necessary to fill these two spots this year.

If you have any questions please contact Tara McGovern, School Advisory Council President, at [taracmgovern@gmail.com](mailto:taracmgovern@gmail.com).

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### **Amy Aldrich**

*Please provide a brief bio and tell us a little about yourself:*

Hello! I've been a member of STE's Parish since birth. I'm a proud 1992 STE Grad, and look at this as an opportunity to serve the community that has been such a large part of my life. My brother, my sister, my dad, two aunts and uncle are also STE Grads. And also countless friends! I'm even planning the 30th Reunion next year. My blood runs green, I say. :)

I graduated from St. Teresa's Academy in 1996, and the University of Missouri, with a Finance degree and a minor in Economics, in 2000. I live in Prairie Village, KS, and am a former banker who now sells banking software, and I get the opportunity to travel all over the country meeting with Financial Institutions.

*Why are you interested in being a part of the STE School Advisory Council?*

I had always thought that I would have kids and send them to STE, but sometimes life doesn't turn out how you thought it would. While I've been active in the Parish, and have coached volleyball for a number of years at STE, this would give me the opportunity to serve the STE School, a place that has given so much to me and my family.

I've always been a staple at all of the fundraising events for STE, but being on the School Board would allow me the opportunity to make an even bigger impact.

I work well with others, have been told that I have good ideas, and I've also been told I'm fun! (I don't disagree with what has been said about me...is that bragging?)

As someone who doesn't have children, I also think I would bring unique perspectives to the group.

I love STE, always have, and always will. I have always considered running for School Board, but the timing was never right...until now.

**Mary Beth Cary**

*Please provide a brief bio and tell us a little about yourself:*

I am in my 30th year of working at Rockhurst University. I attended Catholic elementary and high schools, and believe firmly in the benefits of Catholic school education. I am married to Duane, retired from the Navy and US government, and blessed with Dickens, my nine year old Spaniel. I am thankful to be a parishioner at Saint Elizabeth's for 43 years.

*Why are you interested in being a part of the STE School Advisory Council?*

I believe firmly in the benefits of Catholic school education. While I was never blessed with my own children, I have a keen interest in ensuring strong Catholic education for children. I am so blessed and thankful to be a parishioner at Saint Elizabeth's, and I would like to give back to our community by serving on the School Advisory Council.

**Molly Pease**

*Please provide a brief bio and tell us a little about yourself:*

I have been a parishioner since 1978. My four children attended St. Elizabeth from preschool through 8th and received wonderful educations that enabled them to do well in high school and college. I will always be grateful for that!

I served as CPTA Treasurer in 1985-86. I was on staff as a Kindergarten Teacher aid, Pre-K Teacher and Kindergarten Teacher from 1987-2020. I have served under six principals. I also worked in the Camp Shamrock Summer Program for 15 years.

I am proud to have been a teacher when St. E's was chosen as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

*Why are you interested in being a part of the STE School Advisory Council?*

I retired from teaching in 2020 and substitute occasionally. Although I don't have a child in the school, I do have five grandchildren enrolled at St. E's this year. I have a strong interest in seeing high quality education continue at St E's! I would like to help in any way I could.