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2024 Board Candidates Biographies

May 22, 2024

Dear Parents, Staff, and Board Members;

On **May 31st, 2024**, the Board members, parents / guardians, and staff of STEAM Academy will have the opportunity to vote in an election of the following candidates.

For Community Board Member:

Ms. Sarah Chebli

My name is Sarah Chebli. I currently am the Board Chair of the STEAM Academy Board and have held this position for about 3 years. I am an active and dedicated community member of STEAM Academy. I currently work full-time for a local non-profit organization focused on developing leadership skills in the next generation. Concurrently, I am pursuing a Master's in Educational Leadership from the University. Additionally, I am a proud mother of a one-year-old son.

Education is a profound passion of mine, and I am eager to continue collaborating with STEAM Academy to foster the school's growth in various ways. I am committed to advancing key initiatives such as enhancing technology integration in the classroom, expanding access to extracurricular activities, and improving support for students with special needs. Furthermore, I aim to strengthen our communication and engagement with parents and community members, ensuring their voices are heard and valued in our decision-making processes.

For Community Board Member:

Dr. Hamada Aboubakr

My Dr. Hamada A. Aboubakr is a dedicated scientist, researcher, and educator with a Ph.D. in Virology from the University of Minnesota and an M.Sc. in Applied and Food Microbiology from Alexandria University, Egypt. He has served as faculty at Alexandria University and as a researcher at the University of Minnesota. Currently, he is a Senior Virology Scientist and Cell-based Systems Team Leader at Microbiologics Inc., where he manages high-biosafety-level virology labs and leads critical research and development projects. His past work focused on innovative methods for controlling human infectious viruses in food and the environment using cutting-edge technologies. Currently, his work focuses on developing antiviral drugs and immunotherapies for human infectious viral pathogens and significantly contributing to public health and safety. With a strong background in STEM teaching, food microbiology, virology, and infectious disease control, and a commitment to community health,



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Dr. Aboubakr aims to improve the quality of education and ensure the well-being of students as a member of the public-school board. His scientific expertise, leadership experience at Microbiologics, and dedication to education will bring innovative solutions and a scientific perspective to enhance the educational environment and public health standards in schools.

For Community Board Member:

Mr. Mahdi Nur

My name is Mahdi Nur. I live in the midway of St. Paul and have been extensively involved in community engagement, activism, advocacy, and educational initiatives. I have been a Minneapolis Legal Aid board member for four years, Lighthouse school board member for three years, and board chair of a none profit organization for nine years. In these sixteen years of leadership experience, I played many leadership roles and contributed to the vision and goals for the future success of these organizations.



I have been a social work mental health practitioner for more than twenty years by helping many parents and their children to change their lives. My education level is a Master's degree health and Human Services and license social worker, school social worker LGSW and I love social work for helping and changing lives. Now I am enrolled in clinical social work at University of Minnesota. This education has equipped me with a unique perspective on the challenges faced by educational institutions and the importance of providing students with quality education. As school social worker, I understand the unique challenges families face and believe I can bring a valuable perspective to the board. I am currently a school social worker at Hennepin Schools. I am the father of eleven children, five daughters, and six sons, three are married and others are in school, one is a business owner and three graduated as professional nurses and teachers. I am running for the board to have an active role in the process and contribute to the vision and goals for the future function of the STEAM Academy. I can represent different communities; ensure that others have a voice in making educational and administrative decisions, and support students, teachers, administration, and staff to preserve and improve the quality of STEAM Academy's education and achievement gap.



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For Parent Board Member:

Mr. Amir Mohammed

My name is Amir Mohammed and I am a father of three kids. Currently, I am working with Metro Transit. My son attends STEAM Academy charter school and I want to impress my son with the importance of education. I would like to learn more and support on the school system rules and policies.

For Teacher Board Member:

Mr. Abdallah Mohammed

My name is Abdallah Mohamed. I am an Egyptian Filipino male, 28 years of age, with a Master's Degree in Information Assurance and currently pursuing a second Master's in Data Analytics. I have extensive teaching experience, having spent over 5 years teaching martial arts to youth in afterschool programs and summer camps. As a dedicated educator at STEAM Academy, I teach Physical Education, ELL, and Special Education, working closely with the entire school and staff. My diverse background and experience enable me to understand and address the unique needs of all students, making me a valuable candidate for the Board Member position. I am committed to volunteering my spare time to represent the teachers and contribute crucial information for the benefit of everyone at the school.

For any questions or concerns please email at: leadingedser@gmail.com or call: 612-812-1367

Thank you,

Lulzim (Luli) Axhijaj, Election Commissioner, Educational Leadership