

WCSB Candidate Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to share information about yourself, so we can share with the community. Your participation is a great signal that you believe in transparency and will serve with a willing and open mindset - we will post your answers 100% as you wrote them with no editing or associated commentary.

Please submit no later than END OF DAY 3/4/2022

Email *

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Name *

Kristi Bidinger

District

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How long have you lived in Williamson County? *

18 years

Employer / Occupation *

HCA Healthcare/Executive Assistant

Please select all that apply: *

- My kid(s) currently attend a WCS school (2021-22)
- My kid(s) currently attend a FSSD school (2021-22)
- My kid(s) graduated from WCS
- My kids are not yet school age but will attend WCS or FSSD
- My kid(s) attends private school
- My kid(s) is homeschooled
- I have grandchildren enrolled in WCS (2021-22)

Which FSSD/WCS schools do your children attend? (Write N/A if not applicable) *

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What is or has been your involvement with Williamson County Schools to date? (e.g. PTO, volunteering, etc.) *

PTO member, tier 3 volunteer and room mom for 6 years

Please list any professional or personal organizations you're currently or have recently (last 3 years) been involved with, including where you have a Board of Directors seat, sit on a committee, volunteer for, or regularly attend meetings *

My volunteer hours are spent with the Davis House Child Advocacy Center on their event committee for the annual black-tie event, Button Ball. I have taught Sunday school for Holy Family Catholic Church for the last four years. In the fall of 2021, I started my role as At Large Member of the City of Brentwood's Environmental Advisory Board. Finally, PTO volunteer, EES room parent, and this year will be I co-leading the 5th-grade celebration.

What compelled you to run for this position? *

I am running to protect public education, champion our teachers, administrators, staff and students.

What do you believe is the most important quality or characteristic for a Williamson County School Board member to possess and exhibit? *

Protect Public Education

What are your thoughts on the School Board races being partisan this year due to the new state legislature that passed in late 2020?

I am running as an independent because I firmly believe that school board positions should be non-partisan. Why invite political division into a work whose sole purpose is to focus on our children's education, budgets, growth, and policy. School boards are a great place to show our children that the government can and does good work for the community.

What, if any, involvement have you had in local or state politics before running for School Board? *

I was Elizabeth Madeira's treasurer for her run as state legislator and I am the legislative chair for the Williamson County Democratic Party.

Have you ever spoken at public comment during a School Board meeting? If yes, please provide details on the topic.

Yes, I have spoken twice. Once in support of Fostering Health Solutions and once for the queer students at Independence High School

If you had to describe a School Board member's role in 1-2 sentences, what would it be? *

To be a champion for public education and focus on the mission of approving budgets, a policy that provides a safe, healthy learning environment for all students, and finally, an open mind to listen to all opinions before finalizing my own.

How will you communicate with your constituents if elected? Please share links to your Facebook page, Twitter handle, and/or campaign website: *

Instagram - kristibidinger, Twitter - kristibidinger, website - kristibidinger.com

What are top 3 most pressing issues facing the School Board at this moment? *

Protect Public Education, Safe Learning Environments, Fully Fund WCS Schools

If an incumbent, what are you most proud of during your service as a School Board member?

Do you believe WCS teachers are paid enough?

Yes

No

Do you believe WCS schools are adequately funded for their operational and capital needs?

Yes

No

What do voters need to know about you that we haven't already asked when deciding who to support and vote for as their representative? *

I will protect public education from groups and individuals that are fighting to remove curriculum, restrict teachers from teaching and wishing to divert precious funding to charter schools. I belong to the majority in our county that fully trust our education professionals to do their job and want to fight to protect their right to do so.

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