

# Site “Lion Council”

## Bios

- ❑ **Sandy Stern** has lived in Terra Linda for the past 12 years and is a Bay Area native. She has three kids attending Dixie (Nathan in third grade, Aaron in first grade and Talia in kindergarten). Prior to her career as a mom, she was a teacher for 7 years in Mill Valley and Redwood City public schools. While she taught fourth grade and third grade, she spent the majority of her time teaching kindergarten. She served on multiple committees in the districts she taught at including helping to incorporate technology use in the classrooms and updating report cards to reflect current curriculum. When her children were in preschool, she organized the hot lunch program as well as serving as the preschool Board president for two years. Currently, she spends several mornings volunteering in her children’s classrooms. She would like to be able to continue to work with other parents and teachers to improve children’s learning experience just as she has done throughout her career.
  
- ❑ **Jason Lau** has been a member of the Dixie School District for over 6 years. He has two children; Harrison in 5<sup>th</sup> grade at MES and Hayley in kindergarten at Dixie. He would like to give back and love to help contribute to the future of our schools. He understands that it takes a village to build strong schools. Jason has a deep appreciation of public education himself. He traveled from Hong Kong to the United States to be the first member of his family to receive a college education. With a strong background in leisure, youth, and human services, Jason has served successfully as a senior management member of an international program serving children and youth at U.S. military bases, U.S. embassies, and international schools at over 120 locations in 17+ countries. Currently, he serves as Executive Director and Senior Business Officer for the School of Extended and International Education at Sonoma State University, and adjunct faculty at Santa Rosa Junior College. Prior to SSU, he served as Director of Community Education at College of Marin. He is also an active volunteer in Marin County, serving as commissioner on the Marin County Child Care Commission, board member of the Marin YMCA, Friends of China Camp, Marin Chinese Cultural Association, and more. Jason holds a Ph.D. in Educational Policy & Leadership Studies from The University of Iowa. It would truly be an honor to serve on the School Site Council.

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- ❑ **Arlo Seaver** is the ranch manager for a large cattle ranch on Lucas Valley Road and has lived in Marin for 8 years. His son, Ben, started Kindergarten at Dixie this fall which has prompted Arlo’s interest in joining the Site Council. Prior to managing the ranch, Arlo had a successful 25-year career as a construction contractor owning and operating his own company including a recent focus as a building consultant for high-end construction projects in San Francisco. He is a former ski patroller and EMT and has traveled extensively. As part of his duties managing the ranch, he works closely with the Marin Fire Department, Marin Sheriff’s Department, Marin Open Space, and the county and would bring his experience with site management, public safety, and security to the Site Council. He currently volunteers as a basketball coach for the youth basketball program at the Marin YMCA and is enjoying getting to know the larger Marin community as a result. He would like to be a part of the Site Council to be more involved in and contribute to, the Dixie school community especially since his son’s elementary school education has only just begun.
  
- ❑ **Daniel Sauter** is writing to you today to express his interest in being a part of the Site Council for Dixie School. He is a proud parent of two children that currently attend Dixie. His daughter Taylor Sauter in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and his son Max Sauter in Kindergarten. He was born and raised in San Rafael/Terra Linda and has had the luxury of returning to his hometown after several years away in other parts of the County. Both he and his wife currently reside with their family in Marinwood (and have for the last 5 years). He is currently the Chief Park Ranger with Marin County Parks and Open Space and has been a Ranger for 14 years, Chief Ranger the last 5. Prior to this, he was a firefighter in the Tahoe area. In college, he studied both Public Safety as well as Natural Resource Management. He feels as though his extensive training, coordination, and experience in emergency services/public safety and the dedication he makes to the people of Marin County every day makes him an excellent candidate for this Council. The other qualification that he is most proud of is that he too attended Dixie School for k-5. As an alumnus of this great school, it makes him so proud when he walks on campus. He would love to give back to the school that helped

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shaped him into who he is today. He looks forward to the opportunity to help the current Lion family be the best they can be.

- ❑ **Samantha Berman** is a recent addition to the Lucas Valley community, relocating with her family just over a year ago from southern California. Sam is a working mom of 2 who brings intelligence, thoughtfulness and tenacity to her daily journey while wearing many hats (albeit not always gracefully). Sam’s daughter, Clara Moeller, is now a spirited 1<sup>st</sup> grader at Dixie, and Clara’s 2-year-old brother Ben will become a Lion himself in 3 years. Sam is currently serving as the Director of Operations for a financial management firm specializing in empowering educational non-profits with the tools necessary to make the best business decisions possible for their organizations and communities. Before that, she was the Director of an L.A.-based arts education program bringing a diverse and interactive music curriculum to families with young children. Sam is grateful to be a part of the Dixie community and would be thrilled to help the School Site Council explore more opportunities for learning, joy, and well-being.