

## Overview of the SRFACS Board of Directors

The SRFACS Foundation is a 501(C)3 not-for-profit corporation which functions as the parent organization and includes supporters from the community-at-large. This education foundation was established to provide services to the school community, to conduct activities to foster community spirit, involvement and awareness, and to raise funds solely for the purposes of supporting school goals and programs, while continually being mindful of the French-American connection.

The Foundation board works closely with the Principal and school staff, as well as the District, to ensure that our work aligns with their goals and expectations. Our success is a direct function of parent and community support in the forms of time, talent and treasury. The Foundation is a non-member organization that is open to anyone and, thus, includes everyone involved with the school, whether or not a parent of a child currently enrolled at SRFACS.

A seven-member volunteer Board of Directors is responsible for oversight of the Foundation, including management of financial resources, volunteer coordination and communication about related activities. Directors serve staggered two-year terms.

Board meetings are noticed in advance and open to the public. Prospective board members are identified by self-nomination. A nominating committee reviews applications and recommends a slate of directors that it believes is best equipped to lead the Foundation for the following year. The Bylaws reserve a minimum of one seat for a community member (non-parent). The new directors are elected by the board at the regular meeting in May; terms begin June 1.

Directors can expect to volunteer an average of 5-10 hours a week for their board responsibilities, in addition to any time they devote to their child's classroom. Effective directors are collaborative, dedicated to the good of the whole school, patient, courteous, good listeners and dedicated workers. Willingness to participate in fundraising is important and a general understanding of budgeting and financial reports is helpful.