

Board of Trustees Questionnaire

Name: S. Ellis Crew

Where do you live? Pleasant Hill, NC

What Church do you attend? Victory Baptist

How long have you been a member of Halifax Academy? 6 years

What grade are your children in at Halifax Academy?

Name: Watkins Crew Grade: 10th

Name: Wyatt Crew Grade: 7th

Name: Ellington Crew Grade: 5th

Why are you running for the Board of Trustees (BOT)?

I have been on the board now for 3 years and I am up for re-election. I have enjoyed serving on the board and would like to continue to be a part of the Board of Trustees.

What experience and skills do you have which makes you a good choice for the BOT?

I feel like with my experience of already being a board member and helping be a part of some major decisions like dealing with the Covid Pandemic for 2 years and major upgrades to the school have been a plus for me.

Why did you choose Halifax Academy to educate your children?

We choose Halifax Academy because we wanted our kids to experience the smaller classrooms and the Christian values that the school offers. I am a past graduate of Halifax Academy, and I enjoyed my 13 years here and I wanted my kids to have that same experience.

What is Halifax Academy's strength?

I think the emphasis of a more personal smaller classroom learning experience. Giving the community an option for students to get a great education in a Christian atmosphere with teachers and staff who are dedicated to the students.

What area does the BOT need to focus on to improve Halifax Academy?

Staying in touch with the ever-changing technology and making sure our students always have what they need to do so, making sure we keep Christian values in everything we do, continue to keep daily devotions and bible study a part of the curriculum, keeping the buildings and campus in good updated shape, and safety of our students/faculty always.

What in your opinion, is the most important issue facing Halifax Academy currently, and how would you address the issue as a member of the BOT?

Safety of our students, faculty, and patrons. I would do everything I could to make sure this school has the most updated security system and a full time School Resource Officer (preferably ex law enforcement or military)

How would you, as a BOT member, maintain affordable tuition and modernize the existing structures?

I think upgrades to our structures/campus are necessary of this school will continue to be here for years to come and especially with some other schools now in the area who are competing with us more now. Any upgrades need to be prioritized and done with the cost of tuition in mind. We need to continue to make sure we have the number of students to meet budget or even better. We also need to look at innovative ideas as far as fundraising and continue to pursue any type of grants that would be available to us.

How can the Board of Trustees improve our fundraising efforts?

We need to continually look at new opportunities for fundraising. Look at other things other schools are doing in the area and see if its something we would like to try and not get so stuck in doing the same type things year after year.

If you were asked to recruit new families to Halifax Academy, what would you tell them?

I would encourage any new family to make some time and come do a campus visit and meet some of the faculty and even talk with some of the students to hear what their experience has been. One thing we did was let our kids attend the school for a couple of days and go through a day from start to finish and let them get a real feel of the school.

