

Get to Know Your Woodland Hills School Board President: Ms. Jamie L. Glasser



Ms. Jamie Glasser, has lived in her current home in Forest Hills for 12 years, although she has called the borough home her entire life. “It’s home and it feels like it,” she says.

“I’m a 1997 grad, and both of my siblings graduated from Woodland Hills as well. My parents and all of my aunts and uncles graduated from Churchill Area before Woodland Hills was formed. One of my grandmothers graduated from Scott High,” Glasser adds.

On the board for four and a half years, Glasser was appointed in November 2014, and elected as board president by her colleagues in August 2017. She says she applied to fill a vacancy and because there were big issues facing the district and our communities. She’s now running for re-election for a two-year term (at time of print, for primary election in May; general election is November.)

Glasser says the district’s strength is its students. “They are eager, committed and incredibly bright,” she says.

The top three things she’d want people to know about Woodland Hills School District are: 1) We have amazing, committed, caring teachers, administrators and staff; 2) Our curriculum is second to none; and 3) We’re working hard to improve facilities so that students have the very best environments for learning.

And, the one thing that she thinks people may be surprised to know about the district, Glasser says, is that, “For our kids, diversity really is our strength. It is really beautiful to watch them interact, and we should follow their model.”

Glasser says she’s seen a lot of changes in the district in the past year. She says, “I think the district, as a whole, is more forward-thinking, and that’s important.”

She says one of the district’s greatest potential for change is its openness to the community, adding, “We can and should always do more to invite people in, welcome them and have a conversation.”

Glasser wants everyone in the district to know that they can come to her with any questions or concerns about district policy or any issue that might arise. “If I can’t answer, I can certainly put them in touch with someone who can,” she says.

“As elected officials, it’s our role to represent the interests of the people and the community. That usually means working with administration to ensure that the district is on the right path, but we have an obligation to ensure that tax dollars are spent wisely,

that decisions are made prudently, and that policies are appropriate and lawful. Those are our obligations,” Glasser adds.

In the coming year, Glasser says, she wants to see enrollment increase at Woodland Hills. “I think we have great families who are talking about all the good that is happening, and that word of mouth is powerful,” she says.

One of the priorities Glasser will be focused on in the coming year is the district’s construction projects. “The district is engaged in two significant construction projects at Dickson and at the high school and I am focused on ensuring that those investments result in buildings in which our students want to learn, and in which our community can take pride in for years to come,” she says.

Glasser says her favorite thing about being a board member is graduation. “It’s such an honor to join the students and their families that night and to see their excitement. There is such a sense of accomplishment and hope in the air,” she says.

She is also a Rotarian with the Forest Hills Rotary Club, and the stage manager at Woodland Hills for the Spring Musical and the Jr. High Musical. “I also coach Mock Trial at the High School, which is my very favorite thing,” she says.

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