# 2024 STrEAM APC Election Candidate Bios

#### Jeff Earle, Seat I (Community)



Mr. Earle is the Chair of STrEaM's Academic Policy Committee (APC) and has been a key figure in our community since moving to Alaska from Texas five years ago. He currently serves as the Chief of Police for the University of Alaska Anchorage. Mr. Earle holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, and is completing a Master's Degree in Campus Public Safety Management from New England College in New Hampshire.

With a strong background in emergency management and campus safety, Mr. Earle provides invaluable consultation to the principal on matters of school safety and security.

One of his children attended STrEaM for all three years of middle school. He has served on the APC for four years.

## Kim Westfall, Seat D (Parent)

Ms. Westfall is the current Secretary of STrEaM's Academic Policy Committee (APC). She is the parent of a current 8th grader and excited at the opportunity to continue her service on the APC. A Major in the National Guard, Ms. Westfall was instrumental in coordinating STrEaM's partnership with the ropes challenge course at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER), providing 6th graders with access to this experience during Adventure Week for the past two years. She has served on the APC for one year.



## Jen Mickelson, Seat F (Community)



Jen Mickelson serves as the Parent and Student Engagement Manager for ASD's Migrant Education program, where she plays a vital role in supporting families and enhancing student success. In addition, she is the president of Friends of STrEaM, our nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the school's mission and activities. Jen has been a dedicated member of the Academic Policy Committee (APC) for eight years, contributing her expertise to school governance. She also leads major fundraising initiatives, including the highly successful spring online auction and the fall STrEaM 100 campaign, which provide essential resources for STrEaM's unique programs.

## Leah Godoy, Seat E (parent)

Ms. Godoy is the parent of a current 7th grader and a leader in Anchorage's business community as the General Manager of the Clarion Suites downtown. She successfully led the extensive renovation of the Clarion, transforming it from an older hotel into a modern establishment. Under her leadership, both Leah and the Clarion have made significant contributions to STrEaM's voluntary, donation-based school lunch program, ensuring that students have access to nutritious meals. She is also a strong supporter of the school and its staff, helping to foster a positive and nurturing environment. Leah is in her send year serving on the Academic Policy Committee (APC), bringing her business expertise and commitment to community service to her role.



#### Savanna Lethin, Seat J (parent)

Mrs. Lethin is a new candidate for the Academic Policy Committee (APC). She has been a dedicated part of the STrEaM community, with one child attending the past two years before moving to High School, and another currently enrolled in 6th grade. A frequent volunteer on field trips and a contributor to the volunteer lunch program, she is passionate about the unique education STrEaM provides and is a strong advocate for the outdoor lifestyle it promotes.



Mrs. Lethin is a small business owner in Seldovia, Alaska. Her shop, The Seldovia Salmonberry, features her own designs along with creations from local artists, thriving during the summer season. In her free time, she enjoys training dogs and cooking large meals for her family and friends. When she's not in her shop, you can often find her paddle boarding during high tide in Seldovia's scenic waters.