

### **Education**

Fairywood Elementary (Pittsburgh-Closed) Langley High School (Pittsburgh-now a elementary school) Wheeler Business School (Pittsburgh-closed)

### **Work Experience**

Highmark -customer service, supervisor, manager-30 years-retired 2 1/2 years

### **Community Involvement**

Education Rights Network- non profit organization with 412 Justice: Board member. Allegheny County Healthy Children Cohort.

### **Why are you running for School Board?**

With my grandson entering into kindergarten come fall, I have accepted the responsibility as well as my daughter to assure he receives the best education he deserves. But I also care deeply for other children. My children and family members also Woodland Hills and they received a great education and have all moved on to become successful adults. I also care about our community. Combining efforts to assure our children are empowered with a education from our school district could lead to a community they can one day raise their families.

### **Why is quality public education important to you and your family?**

My grandson will entering kindergarten in September. My children and other family members all attended public schools. I want to assure all aspects of education are met including the curriculum, teacher student relationships and resources positively engaging all students.

### **What are 2-3 strengths of WHSD you would work to support & maintain?**

Arts and Theatre. The willingness to make changes.

### **What are 2-3 challenges WHSD is facing and what potential solutions do you have for those challenges?**

Low student totals. Parent administration relationships. Resolutions: determine why families chose alternative schools. Secondly, parents and teacher/administration relationships are visible to our students and being involved by actively seeking each others input help will benefit all.

### **When faced with conflicting interests, how would you find balance between stakeholders (teachers, administrators, parents, community members, students, Board members) and make decisions?**

## Region 3 Candidate

**Karen Lyons**  
**Manager, Retired**

Restorative practices are a wonderful way to help with conflicts. When we understand that we must sit down and talk with not at each other and develop a common ground, we work together in resolving issues.

### **Explain the role the school board should play in determining the curriculum and what is taught in the classroom.**

As a member of the school board we are responsible to work collaboratively with teachers providing critical support with understanding the importance of empowering our students to engage in studies imperative to their learning and development.

### **If elected, at the end of your term, what lasting impression would you hope to have left behind?**

My hopes is to leave a lasting impression of building a positive relationship and filling voids often plaguing our children.