

# Jordan Site Council Ballot

Vote for up to two candidates.

These are two-year terms for school years 2007-2008 and  
2008-2009.

\_\_\_ Susan Bailey

\_\_\_ Madeleine Smeets

Please see Candidates' Statements on the reverse.

Please fold your ballot in half, staple or tape it closed, and return it with the  
back-to-school packet.

**Susan Bailey**

As a parent of an incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Jordan and 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Addison, I am very interested in supporting our Jordan school and community through participation on the Site Council. I hope to bring my energy and ideas to the Site Council's work on strengthening how we support and educate all of our students at Jordan.

I have been an active volunteer for PAUSD schools since 2000. I was a board member of the Addison PTA for more than four years and served as PTA president during the 2003-2004 School year. Then from 2004-2006 I served on the Addison Site Council and the Friends of the Junior Museum and Zoo board. In addition to this work, I also very much enjoy my experiences in working with students including initiating the Addison Noon Science program, coordinating the Addison After School programs, acting as a Reading Tutor volunteer, and volunteering at all grade levels in Computer Lab. I also appreciate the fiscal constraints and needs of our schools. I co-Chaired the 2004-05 Addison Auction and have chaired the Budget Review Committee at Addison school. I am currently President of Palo Alto Partners in Education, the district-wide foundation that raises funds for all PAUSD schools. Prior to starting my volunteer work with the schools, I worked at Lockheed Martin for 15 years and most recently worked as the Chief Engineer for an Air Force satellite program. I am an aerospace engineer with degrees from MIT and Stanford.

I am hoping that my background in volunteering with students, working with previous PTAs and Site Councils, and fundraising for our PAUSD schools will make me a strong contributor and team member for our Jordan Site Council that will truly represent our parents' perspectives. Thank you for taking the time to review this and I look forward to serving if I am elected.

**Madeleine Smeets**

This school year will become my second in the Palo Alto School District. From the start of last school year, I have been very impressed by the quality of education and parent involvement at Jordan Middle School. I would like to contribute personally in finding resolutions for the school's challenges and meeting its goals.

We moved to Palo Alto a little over a year ago and clearly found our future here. An important decision to live here is the excellent public school system. Both our children have attended school here last year. Our oldest son moved from 6<sup>th</sup> into 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Jordan while our youngest will be coming to Jordan next year after finishing 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Walter Hays.

After college I practiced in preventive pediatric healthcare, and served in the coordination of a national vaccination program. With the arrival of our second son, I decided to stay at home to better guide our children. That enabled me to become an active volunteer at the schools of our children. Among other activities, I managed an organization for stay at home mothers and twice chaired the school book fair. I also assisted at a community medical service for less affluent children with special health care needs, and participated in the management of various fundraising activities. Last year, being new to Palo Alto, I became a member of the PTA and participated in class room activities, field trips and parent network meetings.

By serving on the Jordan Site Council I seek to become more involved in the important challenges and decisions made at our school. The variety of my experiences with different school systems across the country may bring new perspectives to the challenges and opportunities our Jordan community faces.