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Dear Walden Community,

At tonight's All School Meeting the Board of Trustees shared that they have selected Co-chairs to steward the Search Committee process. They are Linda Bortell and Chipper Pastron.

*Linda Bortell is a mom to Adam - who is in 4th grade and came to Walden as a kindergartner. She says, "we knew we liked Walden when Adam entered, but after the first year here we fell in love with Walden." She has worked admission tours, run parent groups, co-chaired the Parent education committee, co-chaired the Walden Equity committee and served one term on the Board. She is also current co-chair of the search committee to being a new director to Walden. In her spare time she is a clinical psychologist with a private practice in South Pasadena with a focus on child trauma and helping families go through the divorce process with a focus on their kids and cultural differences. She is grateful for the opportunity to help steer Walden through the next few years.*

*Chipper Pastron has been a Walden parent since 1999 and has four Walden students. Two currently, Kekoa in 6th grade and Kealani in 2nd grade and two graduates, Samantha a sophomore at Lafayette College and Alexandra a NYU graduate class of 2016. Chipper has served two terms on the board and continues to be involved with committee work. Outside of Walden, Chipper has owned and operated multiple concepts in the hospitality industry for 30 years and brings a strong background in management recruitment and the hiring process.*

The next step will be to populate the search committee. The chairs will be sending information about this in the upcoming weeks with commitment information for participants.

They will also keep the entire community updated via the Walden Website under a newly constructed "Director Search" tab which will "go live" on Friday afternoon.

Please reach out to Linda or Chipper directly if you have any additional questions about the Search Committee.

Warmly,

The Walden Board of Trustees