



## SAMS Board of Directors

### Mission:

San Anselmo Montessori School is dedicated to fostering a love of learning in children and providing a solid foundation for future learning. In an enriching and challenging educational environment each child is encouraged to grow to their fullest academic, emotional, and social potential. Consistent with the Montessori philosophy, children have the freedom to progress at their own pace, explore their world, make discoveries, and draw their own conclusions with the gentle guidance of a highly qualified Montessori credentialed staff. Children gain knowledge, confidence and leadership skills that enable them to offer a positive contribution to their community.

### Leadership, governance, and oversight:

- Approving SAMS annual budget, audit reports, and make material business decisions; being informed of and meeting all, legal and fiduciary responsibilities
- Coordinating an annual performance evaluation of the Head of School
- Assisting in recruiting and nominating new board members
- Planning, presiding over, and facilitating board meetings; partnering with the Head of School to ensure that board resolutions are carried out
- Acting as an ambassador for the school
- In collaboration with the Head of School, fostering SAMS overall financial health
- Board members will serve 2-3 years and may be appointed for an additional term.

## Meet the SAMS Board

### Board President: Danya Duddleston

The board president, who is also called the board chair, is the head of the board. The president conducts board meetings and ensures that the board's directives are implemented and monitored. The president collaborates with the Head of School to carry out the organization's mission and ensures accomplishment of goals. The president reviews report, records and directs the board members in their roles. They are also instrumental in hiring the Head of School.



*Danya Duddleston joined the SAMS Board in 2020. She has spent her career leading strategic initiatives and project teams for Wells Fargo where she serves as Vice President of the WFA National Program Team. She managed a redesign of the Mortgage sales model, partnering with stakeholders to develop a digital client experience that increased mortgage visibility and access. She currently partners with leaders at Wells Fargo Advisors to develop partnership, sales, and marketing strategies; leading the initiatives to grow mortgage market share.*

*Danya holds a Bachelor of Science from University of Minnesota. She moved from Minneapolis, MN to San Anselmo in 2018 with her husband, Ben and their two children; Sophia, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Brookside Elementary and Julian, a kindergartener at SAMS.*

### Vice President: Joanna Dachs

The vice president of the board, who may also be called the vice chair, is always prepared to assume the role of board president, if necessary. The vice president, whose knowledge and commitment mirrors that of the president, may serve in the president's place for board activities and in the spokesperson capacity.



*Joanna Dachs joined the SAM's board in 2020. She is mom to a SAM's kindergartener and an infant at home. She fell in love with the SAMS community and Montessori approach when she saw just how much her child blossomed at SAMS. Joanna has a degree in Civil Engineering and brings a practical and logical frame of mind to all she does.*

*Prior to joining SAM's, Joanna worked in consulting on Intelligent Transportation Systems, program management in local government, business development for an interior design firm, and taught Stott Pilates while living abroad. She and her husband settled in Marin after living in the Midwest, Southeast, and abroad. She is excited to establish roots in this community and feels passionately about giving back. In the past, she has volunteered with Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement, the Cleveland Clinic, and the Boys and Girls Club of San Francisco. She looks forward to sharing her time and expertise with the SAMS board and community as a whole.*

## Secretary: Jennie Liu

The secretary takes minutes at board meetings, or designates a person for the task, and reviews and distributes the approved minutes. The secretary prepares and maintains board records, such as minutes and ensures the accuracy and security of the records. The secretary is prepared to assume the leadership role



*Jennie Liu became a SAMS Board Member in Fall 2019. She is an immigration attorney experienced in both business and family-based cases, including petitions and applications for individuals seeking temporary work visas, permanent residence (green cards), and citizenship in the United States. Jennie has worked at various immigration law firms in the Bay Area, including Van Der Hout LLP in San Francisco. Since 2016, she has been a solo practitioner assisting both individuals and multinational companies in immigration matters. Prior to practicing immigration law, Jennie clerked for a U.S. District Court Judge in the Southern District of California. She also worked as a Staff Attorney with Bay Area Legal Aid in San Mateo, advocating for survivors of domestic violence.*

*Jennie earned her Bachelor's degree in Philosophy from Stanford University. She completed her Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law. A Bay Area native, Jennie lives in San Anselmo with her husband and their two children, both of whom currently attend SAMS.*

## Treasurer: Kristina Hoglund Farber

The treasurer is responsible for financial oversight.



*Kristina Hoglund Farber specializes in residential architecture and project management at boutique firm Wade Design Architects. She loves architecture: the engagement with how families want to live, the sequence and massing, the details, and the lens for considering the larger world.*

*Kristina's non-profit experience includes founding a youth design program, serving as an Americorps Program Director in a rural housing project, and working in operations at an entrepreneurship program for under-resourced high school students. Kristina holds a B.A. from Dartmouth College and a M. Arch from California College of the Arts. She lives in Fairfax with her husband Max and their two boys, a current SAMS student and a SAMS alum.*

## Board member: Emily Brower Auchard (Alum)



*Emily Brower Auchard joined the SAMS Board for a second time in August 2020. She also served on the board from 2005 to 2008 while her two children attended the SAMS.*

*Emily manages websites and writes blogs, newsletters and policy white papers for clients in the healthcare IT world. She also works a freelance journalist for healthcare publications, such as Brain & Life, as well as the Marin IJ. Emily grew up on the East Coast and holds a BA with Honors from Wesleyan University. Today, she lives in Kentfield with her 20-year-old son who is tutoring remote learning students and her 17-year-old daughter who is senior at 1327 (Drake) High School. She and her two children are still friends with fellow SAMS students and their parents.*