YES Charter Board Members & Biographies

Biography for Jacquelyn Stanfill, President, Council of Directors:

Jacquelyn (Jackie) Stanfill retired in 2014 after working for the County of Sutter for 34 years. Her experience there included work with the Human Services Department in both Social Services and Mental Health. She last worked as the Program Manager for the Children’s System of Care (CSOC) and the Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Programs under Sutter-Yuba Mental Health.

Jackie has expertise and experience helping families overcome difficulties. The CSOC & PEI programs she managed included partnering with all the child-serving agencies in both Sutter and Yuba Counties. This included Probation, Child Protective Services, Health Departments, County offices of Education as well as School Districts. Jackie has many years of experience in brokering partnerships, chairing collaborative meetings, facilitating problem-solving and creative meetings, as well as managing and supervising a variety of staff.

Jackie completed leadership and management training through the University of California, Davis in partnership with the California Institute for Mental Health. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from California State University, Sacramento with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She attended Yuba College and obtained a Human Services Associates Degree. Jackie graduated from Yuba City High School.

 In June 2002, The Sutter County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission and The Yuba City Rotary Club presented to Jackie the Rodger Kunde Volunteer Youth Service Award for her outstanding service to youth. In 1992, Jackie received an Award of Excellence for an essay which was published in the Yuba College Yuba Review.

Jackie also serves on the board as treasurer of her church.

Jackie is married and has 4 children. Her youngest 2 children attend YES Charter Academy. Jackie enjoys gardening and any activity that is done outdoors. She currently lives with 9 species of animals and enjoys them all.

Paul McGovern

Paul is from Ireland and graduated from University College Dublin with a Bachelor of Commerce degree. He has been CEO of Database Republic (DBR) for 14years. DBR has developed and maintains workflow solutions for multiple California State agencies. It also developed and helped create the C2P platform for Compliance & Risks helping Fortune 500 companies monitor and manage regulatory change. He is Director of business development for Compliance and Risks and works with many Fortune 500 firms in the area of global environmental regulations.

As a teaching professional, he co-owned a children’s Summer tennis camp in Ireland and taught tennis to children up to international level. His awards include receiving Northern California Tennis Association teacher of the year.

Paul was a founder of YES and believes that YES plays a vital role in educating children to become academic masters, understand environmental issues and to contribute positively. He is also a founder of and actively involved in Good Food Farms a food Coop based in Oregon House. Good Food Farms grows year round and delivers weekly produce to it’s local members.

Paul lives with his wife Natasha in Oregon House. He has one son, Oliver and and likes to travel, play sport and read.

Biography for Ashlie DeVorss, member, Council of Directors:

Ashlie was raised all over California. She attended Santa Ynez High School and Roseville High. She graduated in 2001 from Roseville High and then attended Sierra College.

Ashlie started working at Sutter Roseville Hospital as a Certified Nursing Assistant in the Oncology floor in 2001. There she helped take care of patients with cancer who were undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Her daily duties were taking vital signs, assisting doctors and nurses with procedures and orders, monitoring cardiac patients, monitoring postsurgical patients, palliative care, administering C.P.R, post mortem care, and more.

In 2004 Ashlie married her husband, Justin, a firefighter, and later that year birthed their first of three sons. At this time, she chose to become a home maker. Being a firefighter’s wife and a Mom is a full-time job in itself.

In 2014 Ashlie joined the Plumas Lake Unified School District serving as a board member. She enjoyed learning the functions of the board and serving the district’s schools. Ashlie volunteered regularly in her sons’ classes as well as chaperoning all field trips and helping with school events.

In 2015 Ashlie and her family moved from Plumas Lake to Oregon House, California. There they live on 5 acres and can enjoy country living. Ashlie enjoys animals, and since the move, has owned horses, mules, chickens, goats, dogs and cats. Her interests vary from painting to archery and doing anything to promote a healthy lifestyle for her and her family.

Ashlie’s three sons attend YES Charter Academy. She is thankful for the educational environment that YES provides and the ability to be involved with the classes and Council of Directors.

Louise Miller is the Principal/Superintendent of Yuba Environmental Science Charter Academy where she leads a dynamic school community. Educators at YES Charter Academy guide students as they apply the scientific method to solve real world environmental problems through hands on investigations and collaborative projects.

Louise earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from California State University, Chico, in 1983 and a Multiple Subject Credential from Chapman University in 1996. In 2010 she earned a Masters in Educational Leadership and Administration from California State University, Chico, graduating with distinction.

In her over 20 year career as a teacher, she fulfilled roles such as teacher in charge, literacy coach, and Shady Creek Outdoor School principal. As a literacy coach Louise lead professional development, coached teachers, and analyzed data for school improvement. With special interests in literacy and science, she served on both English Language Arts and science curriculum adoption committees and developed year-long thematic units of study that integrated science, social studies, writing, and art.

Louise reaches out to the community to create rich experiences for students. She has partnered with businesses and organizations to complete beautification projects, to hatch salmon eggs in the classroom, and to bring exciting field trips and assemblies to her students.

Her interests are native plants and pollinators. She is an avid gardener and member of the Xerces Society (What the Audubon Society is to birds, the Xerces Society is to bugs). A pollinator friendly California native landscape that she developed was featured in the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Garden Tour in 2015. She is a beekeeper and was on the panel of tasters that developed the UC Davis Honey and Pollination Center Honey Flavor and Aroma Wheel. Her honey was a finalist for the Martha Stewart American Made Agriculture and Sustainability Award in 2014 and won Best of Show, Specialty Food at the 2015 Taste of Yuba Sutter.

Louise is married and has a blended family with children and grandchildren.

**Biography for Amy Edwards, Staff representative, Council of Directors:**

Amy grew up in Seattle, Washington. Where her passion for the environment began. She was president of her high school’s environmental club. She helped start the schoolwide recycling program there, and helped organize Earth Day celebration events. For college she went to The University of Montana where she started off majoring in Forestry but soon realized that she was more interested in dance and education. She is always interested in finding ways to connect dance to the environment. Her undergraduate thesis was a site-specific dance in a park on a beautiful creek that connected art to the beauty of nature. While at the University of Montana she worked for the recycling program. Her degrees are a BFA in Dance from the University of Montana and a Master of Education from National University. She also has a certificate of completion from The New Mexico College of Natural Healing in Herbal Medicine. She has a passion for native plants and is working on collaborating with other community members and staff to start developing a native plant walk on our school campus with her class.

For much of her professional life she has worked as a dance educator leading workshops in schools and in private studio settings, teaching dance to all age levels infant to adult. In 2011, she moved to the Grass Valley area from Montana and began her journey as a general education teacher in the classroom environment. She was a student teacher at Scotten school and Bell Hill Academy in Grass Valley. She had her first full time teaching job as a 3rd grade classroom teacher at the Nevada City School of the Arts where she was connected to Project Wet and Project Wild through collaboration with the 3-5 grade team. She has participated in the Sacramento Floodplain and Watershed Ecology professional development program. She has also participated in professional development offered by the California Education and the Environment Initiative. She is currently the 3/4 teacher here at YES Charter Academy.