

PARENT COMMITTEE BOARD

SCHOOL YEAR 2015/2016

PRESIDENT: Nathalie Neve



Hi, my name is Nathalie Neve (you can call me Nat) and I am the mother of 3 kids, 2 of whom are currently at L'Etoile. Beginning in the 2015-2016 year, all 3 of my children will be at L'Etoile: Naomie in PS, Bastien in GS, and Noah in CE1. This is our first year and we have grown to love the school and the community. I would like to help out with the parent committee, and because my children will be in each of the three buildings, I could represent and reach out to all of you. A little bit about me: originally from France, daughter of a French mother and a Canadian father, I moved with my Belgian husband to Portland 9 years ago. I currently work as a Mechanical Engineering

Professor at Portland State University. I specialize in innovation education. On a personal level I love being in the outdoors.

I would like to make sure every parent knows what is happening around L'Etoile: share and help organize the opportunities to be part of the community; and keep a strong communication between parents and L'Etoile staff. I would also like to help parents feel welcome and be a voice for them. I am excited to participate more actively in a program that I believe in. Thanks!

SECRETARY: Quitterie Cotten



Bonjour, my name is Quitterie Cotten and I am Eric (3rd grade) and Olivier's (1st grade) mom. We were one of the first few families who joined l'Etoile almost 4 years ago... We fell in love with the idea that Seema had of starting up a star of a little French school and entrusted our youngest to this wonderful project...eventually Eric joined this year. The boys have been thrilled at L'Etoile and I am excited to participate in building a stronger community of parents and families for our school. I am a French native, and come from a family of 4 kids. I grew up with parents who loved to travel and

was lucky to benefit from a French school much like this one wherever we settled abroad. I got my engineering degree in France and moved to Oregon in 1995 for my master's degree. I always thought I would return to France but here I am, 20 years later, still in Oregon. I am excited to raise our kids in a multicultural way, where they can grow up knowing their French roots even though we live so far from France ... and learning among other things those fun French expressions, J'ai la peche, C'est du gateau or Occupes toi de tes oignons (my favorite when the boys meddle into the other's business)! Together with my American husband, our kids have been part of the Portland French School before it closed, Le Monde public charter school, and L'Etoile. We've had a chance to see how each of these schools work and we know that we have something amazingly special here at L'Etoile. I look forward to working with other parents to make it even better.