

Stephanie Plunkett Dykstra

My name is Stephanie Plunkett Dykstra. I have been nominated for the position of Secretary for the PTO at Hawthorn Academy. I want to tell you a little bit about myself so that you can make an educated decision about voting for me.

I was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. I was very active in sports and many school activities as a child. I loved school and I graduated ninth in my class of 333 students. I received a BA in Zoology from Miami University in 1991 and I received my MD from NEOUCOM in 1997. I am now a full-time physician at First Med Urgent Care. I work three days each week and thus I can be home with my family the other four days a week.

I have been married for 12 years. My husband, Darin Dykstra, is a full-time Dad. We have two boys; Colin (age 9) and Jacob (age 6). Our family has lived in Salt Lake City for over 6 years and we love it. We are very active. We love skiing, hiking, fishing and camping – all the great things that Utah has to offer! We don't plan to ever leave Utah.

Over the last three years, I have been very active in the boys' school. I volunteer at least once per week in each classroom. I also try to attend all field trips, parties and special assemblies. I have also been very active on the PTA. I have gone to the Utah PTA Convention three years in a row. In fact, this year I have been the PTA Co-President at Copper Canyon Elementary School.

It has been lots of fun helping the school and especially the kids. I have a special interest in character development and self-esteem. I have been in charge of the school talent show for the last 3 years. I started a monthly character trait award as well. I am really excited about the new school and the opportunities it presents for our children. I hope to be very involved at Hawthorn Academy as well!