

Monument Academy Board of Directors  
Candidate Questionnaire

Name: Daymen Tiffany

**Why are you running for the MA Board of Directors?**

I love young people and want to ensure the next generation of leaders is aware of the principles of freedom and individual liberty that make America great. I am concerned about increasing federal and state over-reach and believe in local control and parental authority in education.

**What is your educational preparation?**

1994 Graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, USAF instructor and evaluator pilot, Masters Degree, life-long involvement in teaching young people through the AF, local church, and as a coach.

**What ideas do you have for “finding” additional funding to better support our enrichment programs? i.e. music, drama, debate, sports, etc.**

Parents and coaches of those teams and organizations should be given wide latitude in raising the funds for extracurricular activities. I am happy to work on this issue, think the board has a responsibility to pursue any additional authorized funds and think funds distribution should be equitable.

**How would you balance your decisions as a member of the board with the input of parents and teachers? Specifically, in relation to difficult decisions that others may not agree with.**

Parents and teachers should be given ample opportunity to provide input to the board, which should represent their desires. Boards often respond to the parents they hear from the most, and must be careful to represent all parents, and not just the "vocal" minority. This is especially true for difficult decisions.

**What is your view of charter (or Classical or Core Knowledge) education’s purpose?**

I support a classical education which emphasizes literature, language studies and history. A strong foundation of mathematics is also critical so that students have as many options as possible for future education. Traditional classical education includes the facts of a subject (grammar), ability to reason (logic) and ability to communicate (rhetoric). America was founded on great ideas and those ideas should be taught to, discussed with and reasoned through by our students.

**What long-range plan would you look to implement for the academy? (May include growth, curriculum, staffing, and/or parental involvement.)**

I advocate continued emphasis on retaining excellent teachers, providing an outstanding classical education and maintaining local, parent-informed control of curriculum. MA is an outstanding school, and focusing on continued success in education is the best way to realize the growth in students necessary to add additional grade-levels; ultimately, offering excellent K-12 education.

**Do you have any specific changes you want to make in the academy’s policies, programs, or the school curricula being offered? If so, what changes do you want to make and why?**

My primary policy concern is with MA's response to proposed legislation, specifically H.R.5. I believe students should participate in sports and use facilities based on their actual biological sex and that the board should develop a position on this to protect students, coaches and teachers. I also support the current MA policy on sex ed curriculum, and agree that it should be parent directed and the Colorado state curriculum should not be a graduation requirement.