## Founding Group:

**Jim Donahue** -President and Executive Director of Old Sturbridge Village, founder of Highlander K-12 Charter School and Highlander Institute in Providence RI, ten years at Old Sturbridge Village; twenty years’ experience in urban education at the elementary and middle school levels.

**Emily Dunnack**- Director of Education at Old Sturbridge Village, with 13 years’ experience in museum education including program development, staff training, and school partnerships. Previously served as Head of Education at the Connecticut Historical Society; MA Leadership in Museum Education Bank Street College.

**Debra Friedman**- Senior Vice President at Old Sturbridge Village- 35 years of management experience including oversight of Museum Education, Museum Program, Membership, Lodging and Food Service at Old Sturbridge Village. She serves as a member of the Steering Board for South County Connects (CHNA 5).

**Tina Krasnecky**- Vice President of Finance at Old Sturbridge Village - 30 years’ experience in financial and operational management; BS Finance Bentley College, MBA Clark University.

**Anne McBride**- Director of Development at Old Sturbridge Village with experience in grant writing and reporting, including state and federal funds; MA from the Winterthur Program in American Material Culture at the University of Delaware.

**Lisa DeTora**-Curriculum consultant with 14 years’ teaching experience in special education, English Language Arts, Math and Humanities. Founding teacher of the first pilot school outside of Boston that later evolved into an innovation school. BA Bates College, MA Syracuse University, MA Elementary Education Lesley University, currently enrolled in principal licensure program through the Collaborative for Educational Services. Lisa is the proposed Director of Teaching and Learning.

## Proposed Board of Trustees:

**Keith Blanchette**- is a partner in Stolberg, Ebbeling & Blanchette, LLP in Worcester, MA. Keith is a member of the Executive Committee of the Worcester State University Foundation Board, American Red Cross Board Member, and an Easter Seals of Massachusetts board member. Keith has a B.S.in Business Administration from Worcester State University and is a certified public accountant.

**Pamela Boisvert**- is currently executive director of Massachusetts Education and Career Opportunities Inc. She is a former board member of the Washington-based Council for Opportunity in Education (COE). She is currently a member of the advisory boards for the Massachusetts Dept. of Higher Education’s Office of Student Financial Assistance, the Latino Education Institute, and the New England regional office of the United Negro College Fund. She and her husband were the 2015-16 co-chairs of the United Way of Central Mass’ Annual Campaign, the first chairs to be selected from the nonprofit sector. She is a former board member of the Greater Worcester Community Foundation, Mass. Higher Education Assistance Corp., Mass. Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, Dynamy, Inc., and Girls Inc. of Worcester.

**Reed Hillman**- is a graduate of Suffolk Law School, as well as a former Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police, responsible for more than 2,600 law enforcement personnel and an annual budget of over $200 million. Reed served as a Massachusetts State representative from 2000-2004 and was a candidate for Lieutenant Governor in 2006. He currently teaches criminal justice courses at Mt. Wachusett Community College in Gardner, MA.

**Richard McGrath** - is the President and Executive Director of McGrath Insurance Group, Inc., an agency with annual premiums exceeding $20 million and 22 employees, including specialists in personal, commercial and life insurance, and employee benefits. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Southern New Hampshire University, and completed the Executive Leadership and Development Program at the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School.

**Daniel Pear**- is Assistant Director and Athletic Director for the Springfield Renaissance School where he was a founding member of this EL Education school. At Springfield Renaissance School, Dan serves a member of the Race and Equity Team, the Innovation Team and the School Centered Decision Making Team. Dan holds a Bachelor’s of Science from Springfield College, a Master’s of Science from Lesley University and a certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Administration from Fitchburg State College.

**Jasmin Rivas**- is the program coordinator in Southbridge, MA for YOU Inc., one of the leading child welfare, behavioral health, and education agencies in Massachusetts. Jasmin manages Voices with Choices (VWC), a program targeting children 9-19 and Focus on Youth. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Tri-Community YMCA. She is the recipient of the Youth Empowerment Award of Aspira of Massachusetts. She holds a B.A. from Worcester State University and is bilingual in Spanish and English.

**Alberta Sebolt-George**- is retired from Old Sturbridge Village as President and Executive Director. Alberta has an extensive background in education, having served as project director for many innovative teacher education programs including assisting teachers in more effective use of cultural institutions, building collaborative relationships, training in inquiry strategies and development of curriculum utilizing community resources. She holds a B.A in Government and Education from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, M.Ed. in Elementary Education from Springfield College in Springfield, MA and attended the Executive Management Program at Yale University School of Management.

**Christine Tieri** -is the President of Idea Agency (formerly Smith & Jones) in Sturbridge. She is a Certified Brand Strategist. She has served as a board member of Central Mass South Chamber of Commerce as well as the past president of TED- the Tantasqua Education Foundation-a community-sponsored, independent, non-profit organization dedicated to providing financial resources to support projects and programs that encourage students to develop their talents, become lifelong learners, and pursue excellence. Christine has a BA from Syracuse University.