

## **Gloucester Community Arts Charter School**

### Proposed Board of Trustees

**Karen Aquipel** has experience in community organizing and school advocacy. She serves on two local boards (one as the President) that advocate for the public schools.

**Amy Ballin** served as President of a local educational board, organized a successful mayoral campaign, and facilitated the building of a \$500,000 community science park. Amy is an educator, a licensed social worker, and a doctoral student at Lesley University in the School of Education.

**Dave Buchanan** worked in schools for over 15 years, teaching history, ESL, reading, and writing skills. He currently works at the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to improve curriculum, writing instruction, and assessment at the state level.

**Bruce Kaneb** is an attorney and educator. He has 15 years of experience in middle school as a teacher, department chair, and assistant principal. Currently, he works as the Associate Academic Director of Professional Education at the Harvard School of Education.

**Kate Ruff** is a consultant to non-profit organizations who specializes in monitoring and evaluating double bottom line organizations and business planning for social enterprises. She has worked with organizations in Nepal, Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Prior to her nonprofit work, Kate did marketing and business planning in the private sector for start-ups, including her own dot com.

**Peter Van Ness** is founder and president of Van Ness Group, Inc., a full service web development, marketing, and public relations firm based in Gloucester. Peter served on the board of the Society for the Encouragement of the Arts (seARTS) for two years. He resigned as a director of seARTS in October 2008 in order to devote more time to GCA.

**Gordon Baird** is the retired founder & publisher of Billboard's *Musician Magazine*. Gordon is an award winning TV producer, member of Actor's Equity, Founder of West End Theatre and has appeared in numerous productions at North Shore Music Theater, Lyric Stage Co., Seacoast Repertory Theater, Reagle Players, etc. He teaches theatre at several area schools and has been actively involved in promoting and improving public education in Gloucester since 1979.

**Rick Ciolino** is President of the Cape Ann YMCA and a financial advisor at the Wealth Management department of Beverly National Bank.