



2009 Annual Awards Nomination Form

Name of Individual or Team Being Nominated: Sabine Stoley
(Please list individual members of team separately on the back of this form.)

Work or Volunteer Location: Carl Cozier Supervisor/Principal: T. Venable

Total Years of Employment in Bellingham School District (For staff awards only): N/A
Years in Current Position: _____

- Nominated for this Annual Award: (check one)
- Certificated Staff Member of the Year
 - Classified Staff Member of the Year
 - Community Partner/School Volunteer of the Year
 - Team of the Year (please list all names on back)
 - Leader/Administrator of the Year

Name of Nominator(s): Susan Hakeman
Nominator's Contact Information (include phone): h 738-3389 w 671-1701

Signature(s) of Nominator(s): Susan Hakeman Date: 2/2/09

Signature of Supervisor/Principal: [Signature] Date: 2/2/09

Supporting Documentation

- Reason for nominating this individual/team:** As an attachment in 200-300 words (no more than one page), please address the reasons for nominating this individual or team. Please address criteria that includes, but is not limited to (see Scoring Rubric for detailed criteria): excellence in job performance in the position and profession *or* volunteer role; successful relationships with students, staff, parents and the public; positive impact on students, staff, school and district culture; demonstrated commitment to the district's strategic plan to help all students be ready for college, career and citizenship; dedication to professional growth and improvement; and community engagement and education advocacy work. Please be specific by including concrete examples. See information sheet for additional criteria to address for the Leader/Administrator of the Year. *Note: The completion of the nomination packet (form and supporting documentation) affect the overall scoring of the nomination.*
- Letter of recommendation:** At least one letter of recommendation (200-300 words in length) from a student, colleague, principal/supervisor, parent, or community member is required. This can be a brief statement confirming your support for the nomination. If the nominee is selected as a school's or Central Services' award recipient, the principal/supervisor also needs to attach his or her letter of recommendation or statement of support for districtwide award consideration, unless the principal/supervisor is the nominator.

Return this completed form with supporting documentation to the supervisor/principal no later than noon, Feb. 2, 2009. Central Services (including maintenance and transportation) and Leader/Administrator of the Year Award nominations go directly to the Superintendent's Office for consideration by noon, Feb. 2, 2009.

Each school may submit one nomination in each category (except for the Leader/Administrator of Year Award) to the district office for the districtwide awards. All school and Central Services' nominations (with supervisor letter/sign off) are due in the Superintendent's office by noon, Feb. 17, 2009.

It is a privilege to nominate Sabine Sloley for the Annual Award of School Volunteer of the Year. Her leadership and tireless hours, interacting with students, parents, teachers and staff at Carl Cozier Elementary School and additional efforts beyond school are inspiring.

Ms. Sloley's talents in a broad range of interests provided many unique opportunities to Cozier students, unavailable without her efforts. She brought back Math club, personally instructing students before class twice weekly, and led her team to successfully compete at Math Olympiad. She participates in our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Art Committee, preparing and presenting lessons to students. Ms. Sloley has been a classroom volunteer, including reading support. Not only has she served as a Foreign Language German instructor at Carl Cozier, she has chaired the PTA Foreign Language Committee, coordinating before-school and afterschool language classes for students.

In addition to her direct interactions with students, her PTA leadership with parents and teachers includes serving as PTA secretary and as a chair of the PTA's major fund raiser, the walk-a-thon, a healthy activity financially funding school programs. When a PTA event is taking place, Ms. Sloley can be counted on for her time, leading by example and motivating others to join her.

Beyond Carl Cozier Elementary School, Ms. Sloley serves as Foreign Language Network Northwest's President. She is a member of the Parents Superintendents Advisory Board towards student readiness for college, career and citizenship. She coordinated with Washington Mutual to bring their School Savings program to Carl Cozier.

In summary, Ms. Sloley is a respected role model for children and adults. She is appreciated by our school community for her positive impact and commitment to a broad range of opportunities at Cozier and excellence beyond the elementary school. She is an extremely worthy Volunteer of the Year candidate.

Approximately five years ago, Sabine Sloley walked into the office at Carl Cozier Elementary pondering the thought of enrolling her child who was attending a private school at the time.

I offered Ms. Sloley a tour of the school as I often do with most new families considering enrolling their child. Ms. Sloley accepted my offer. As with most school tours, during the tour, parents often ask a variety of questions. The questions most often asked are with regard to teachers, class size, and schedules.

Our tour was different. Ms. Sloley was curious as to how we attempt to meet the needs of such diverse learners. She asked about the professional development opportunities and support made available to teachers to grow as professionals. She also inquired about the opportunities provided to families to engage in their child's learning. Finally, near the end of our tour, Ms. Sloley stopped and asked, "What drives the instructional program at Carl Cozier?"

Ms. Sloley chose to enroll her child and five years later, it is with an unparalleled passion for teaching and learning, compassion for every child and family, and commitment for public education that Ms. Sloley continues to work tirelessly, donating countless hours of her own time to ensure that our school is driven by the beliefs and values reflected within our community and the hopes and dreams of every child.

Some of Ms. Sloley's more significant volunteer work has included;

- Serving as the PTA secretary for two consecutive terms
- Coordinating fundraising efforts (approximately \$30,000 annually) and maintaining a healthy reserve that funds the many enrichment programs provided to all students
- Initiating support for other PTAs such as Wade King and Sunnyland
- Facilitating Carl Cozier's Math Club
- Serving on the Art Committee
- Serving as a World Language instructor in German
- Leading as the Foreign Language Network Northwest's President
- Serving on the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Board for the Bellingham School District.

If Ms. Sloley were to arrive in my office today and ask the same question, "Mr. Venable, what drives the instructional program at Carl Cozier Elementary?" My answer would be clear and simple. "You, Ms. Sloley. Parents and community members like you."

Regards,


Tom Venable