

## MCEA Board of Directors (ES Representative)



**Ashlee Hewlett**  
*Clarksburg ES*

My name is Ashlee Hewlett and I have been working at MCPS for 6 years and counting. I started out as a long term sub. I went back to school and earned my masters degree in special education. I am currently a special education teacher entering my 3rd year. I am very passionate about not only my students but being sure that teachers are well taken care of so that we can teach and be our best.

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**Jennifer Knight**  
*Rolling Terrace ES*

I am a teacher. A reading specialist. An expert in elementary literacy and language development. I am lucky enough to return to PreK-12 after 15+ years in higher education. I'm more lucky to be in a dual language school with some superb teachers and students. I see so many amazing things every day in our classrooms. At the same time I see the need in those classrooms. A need I feel called to help ease through working with MCEA and providing my service. I bring a wealth of experiences to MCPS from many different states, organizations, and school districts that strengthens our literacy initiative and builds teacher capacity and knowledge. I miss that level of service and want to help MCEA build a better community for teaching and learning. We need members who want to make change. I'm ready to bring change as a representation for our elementary staff.

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**Kristen Poole**  
*Stedwick ES*

I am a second grade teacher.

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**Java Robinson**  
*Piney Branch ES*

I'm a National Board Certified Staff Development Teacher at Piney Branch ES. I have 31 years of teaching experience. I am passionate about my work with educators and have served as Elementary School Director on MCEA Board of Directors, Bargaining Team Member, EFR and MCEA Building Representative. Currently, I serve on many workgroups including the telework and professional development workgroup. In addition, I am the Chair of the Professional Development and Learning Committee, Master Lead Teacher for the National Board CPD Courses and facilitator of the Jump Start Training for National Board Candidates. I am committed to this work and ensuring that the needs of staff and students are met.

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**Laura Sutter**  
*Sherwood ES*

My name is Laura Sutter. I'm the Media Specialist at Sherwood Elementary School, a building representative and a member of the Political Action and Legislative Support committee. I believe this is a great opportunity to further advocate for educators and students. Educators are struggling, which only hurts our students. As a member of the PALS committee, I've been able to advocate to elected leaders and being a board member will give me further opportunities to advocate for better working conditions. Educators need help. It is hard to constantly watch my colleagues struggle, burnt out so early in the school year. I know there are things I could help fight for as a board member that would hopefully improve teacher retention and improve everyone's working conditions.

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**Jacqueline Sutton**  
*Flower Valley ES*

I am a Special Education teacher at Flower Valley Elementary school. I would like to help everyone get a better understanding of ways that we can join together and continue to grow both as educators and employees within the school system. Being a part of the MCEA will give me an opportunity to be both more vocal and supportive to fellow educators.

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**Emmett Tesler**

*Roscoe Nix ES*

My name is Emmett, I have been working as a first grade educator working at Roscoe Nix. Our union is facing opposition from all sides, funding through county council, board of education elections with potential dark money. I would be honored to serve as the first transgender educator to help fight for MCEA and the students we serve.