



**Candidate Questions for  
Keller Independent School District Board of  
Trustees**

**Presented by Keller ISD Council of PTAs**

Please submit your answers as a pdf to [president@kellercpta.org](mailto:president@kellercpta.org) by 04/24/2022

Answers will be publicized on KISD and KCPTA social media

1. What guidelines do you think should be adopted by Keller ISD with regard to bullying?

There should be guidelines to protect the individual being bullied and the perpetrator. If it a continual offense then it should be referred to the Juvenile Court System.

2. As a school board member, how would you respond to the efforts of special interest groups who advocate the censor of existing curriculum perceived by them to be in conflict with their personal beliefs?

The response should be discussion between the parties involved in a civil manner. We all have personal beliefs about life situations so a mutual understanding should be the outcome. Everyone is not going to be happy with a decision that. Parents should be able to decide if their child is able to access a book or other material.

3. Statistics show child abuse is an increasing problem both nationally and locally. Do you believe that it is a legitimate function of public schools to inform students about their rights regarding physical and sexual abuse and the agencies to which they may turn to for help?

I believe that public schools should be able to inform students of their rights regarding any abuse and the agencies that can help them in this situation.

4. Keller Independent School District has had to cut many programs, reduce staff, and has been unable to make all needed upgrades and refurbish its facilities due to inadequate funding. As a school board member, what action, if any, would you take to adequately fund our schools? Specifically, would you support accepting federal funding (grants)?

I would accept federal and local funding including any type of grant that is available.

5. As parents, we will pull our children out of a class that has an incompetent teacher; however, as a school board, you are responsible for all children. How will you ensure that teachers are properly evaluated and held accountable?

Often time there is built in bias when it comes to evaluations. I think an outside agency would be a better choice to do evaluations as they have no perceived interest in who they could be evaluations.

6. Schools are valuable community resources. There is a growing movement to have schools become neighborhood resource centers, open to the community earlier in the morning and later in the evening for a variety of uses. Are you aware of this concept and would you support it? What activities would you like to see available during these times?

I'm not aware of this concept but if it were available I would like to see literacy classes set up for the community to access.

7. How do you discuss topics where there is strong disagreement and remain civil? Said another way, how can the board work together with differing opinions?

The members should be aware that we all come from different experiences in life and have opinions about topics. Be mature enough to listen and understand how we look at topics.

8. If elected, once the Keller ISD School Board votes to approve an action or policy, what do you believe is your responsibility to that policy or action, especially if you did not support that policy or action?

After discussing the situation each person on the board should be in agreement with the majority decision and stand united behind it.

9. The STAAR test is a requirement. All students must pass this test in order to graduate from high school. To ensure our students' success, what resources would you commit to?

The students should have access to the best practices in a particular area of study and it is being taught in a manner that is understandable.

10. What is the appropriate relationship between the Keller ISD Governing Board and Site-Based Decision-Making Committees?

Site based committees should know what is best for what is being taught, so the board should only be certain that guidelines in place are being followed. Not watching over them all the time. And looking for deviation from them.

11. How important are fine arts and extracurricular activities such as athletics to overall education? How should they be funded?

Fine arts allows students the ability to explore areas that will assist them possibly in future endeavors. They should be funded by the district and some from parents to the extent it is not a financial burden.

12. What is your view of home school, private school, and charter school students participating in extracurricular activities in the public schools?

I think that is possible as long as they pay the fees that might be involved in the activity.

13. How do you see Keller ISD responding to the competition of charter schools and private schools?

Provide the very best education and open up other areas of study that would assist students in life after graduation.

14. How do you feel about the current teacher/student ratio and what options does Keller ISD have to change it if you feel that is necessary?

The current student/teacher ratio is similar to the school districts surrounding us. At this time I do not feel any change with the overall ratio is necessary. I would look into how this is distributed among the most needy in the district.

15. Do you have any specific changes you want to see made in our schools' curriculum?

Not at this time.

16. What is your view of school board/administration's relationships as they relate to management of school district operations?

Again the administration has the expertise as to what is going on regarding operations. I think they should make sure that state guidelines are being followed.

17. What is your position regarding self-esteem and self-worth educational programs?

I have no issues to these programs as long as they are being taught in a neutral manner and no outside pressure to promote agendas is brought into the discussion.

18. How can the governing board of Keller ISD improve its image in the community?

Be more accessible to parents and other interested parties. Willing to discuss topics that are of concern in a civil manner and understanding of where individuals are coming from.

19. In the face of declining resources, what projects do you foresee for future bond elections and projects?

I have no knowledge of future bond elections and projects. There has to be funds available to cover costs of any planned. No deficit spending..

