

Jody Briske - MYHA Board of Directors

Hello! My name is Jody Briske. My family has been involved with Mahtomedi hockey since moving here in 2019. It would be an honor and privilege for me to serve on the Mahtomedi hockey board. I would like to bring and share ideas that will help the program continue to grow for our teams and players while teaching respect, teamwork, and good work ethic. As a board we should be making decisions that will positively impact all players and build on integrity and honesty. I think it's important to create a fun environment that is challenging and will allow all players to grow as an athlete and a person to reach their full potential.

One of my main focuses will be to continue to build positive relationships among players, coaches, and families within our association. I think our players' social and emotional health is important on and off the ice. I would like to start a mentoring program with our JG/Bantam athletes with our younger players, family skate nights, or a youth golf tournament just to name a few. I think we have a great community and association with a good foundation to build on.

While I have not directly been involved as a coach, this year I was the manager of my son's Bantam team. The responsibilities of this position included scheduling scrimmages/refs, working with tournament directors, planning events, understanding Gamesheet/clock, scheduling parent volunteers, and communicating with coaches and families. This gave me an opportunity to see all the work that goes into running a successful season. Upon taking this role, I made a commitment to attend all board meetings with the expectation of one to better understand the responsibilities and roles of the board. It was at that point after attending monthly meetings that I became interested in the opportunity to serve.

I have been in education for over 20 years and have had many different roles throughout my career. I was an elementary teacher, a literacy tutor, a job coach, and a group fitness instructor at the YMCA and Anytime Fitness for 10 years. I held the position as PTO president for two years. During those two years I worked closely with administration, teachers, parents, and board/community members to keep a balanced budget, purchase curriculum and supplies, and plan engaging monthly events for students and families to build a strong school culture. Since returning to the Twin Cities I have worked at OHA with EL students and currently am working in the main office at MHS. This has given me an opportunity to work closely with families, students, teachers, and administrators.

My son Andrew is an 8th grader at MMS and has just finished his first year of Bantams. He also plays football and golf. My daughter Addison is a junior at MHS and participates in cross country, diving, and gymnastics. My husband Scott is employed by Mahtomedi Public Schools.

Mahtomedi Youth Hockey has been a wonderful experience for my son and our family and I would like to see that continue for all families in our association. I would like to be a person that someone can share highlights with, but also someone people feel comfortable sharing questions and concerns with as well.