

Silje Sodal, WSPTA nominating committee candidate

Many in PTA have their roots in co-operative preschool leadership, and that is where I got hooked, too. Working at the grass-roots level to impact our children's learning and environment was an incredibly positive and empowering experience, and the community we built - and the dedication to supporting our students and families - continued once we entered the K-12 system.

Over the last ten years, I have served as PTA Legislative Chair, Co-President and as the At-Large Member of my children's elementary school and am now in my fourth year at the Council level having served as Secretary and Co-President. I have also served on the WSPTA Resolutions Committee and have broad experience in our school district as member of multiple policy, advisory and curriculum committees.

I thoroughly enjoy the advocacy focus of PTA and continue to be inspired by the state and national organizational structure that results in real impacts for students and families. Attending Legislative Assembly and WSPTA Convention is incredibly motivating and I am grateful for the broad and diverse community of dedicated women and men who work tirelessly to build a better world for our children.

Nominating Committees at every level are critical in encouraging and supporting others to step forward for the benefit of students and families. They also have an opportunity to set the expectation for creating strong and collaborative teams that value positive and productive work environments. While PTA is in many ways grassroots and personal, it is also structured and professional – and there are high expectations for the integrity of our local and state leaders. As a member of the WSPTA Nominating Committee, I will work to bring broad representation to state leadership and encourage local leaders to continue serving students and families through regional and statewide representation. It would be a privilege to serve WSPTA in this capacity and I thank you for your consideration!