Kim Bednarek

Profile

Kim is passionate about providing leadership, making connections, and supporting collaboration across organizational systems to help facilitate positive change that contributes to the health and sustainability of an organization. Kim's primary professional experience comes from facilitating change processes within a Montessori school environment with the goal of better serving the educational and emotional needs of students, their families, and the communities in which they live.

In her nine years with Discovery Montessori School, Kim has had the opportunity to take an independent school system through a process of strategic planning and organizational development. As a result of her leadership and the efforts of the school Board, administrative team, and staff, Discovery Montessori School offers a world-class progressive Montessori experience consistent with best practices in education, environmental stewardship and operational efficiency.

Experience

Head of School, Discovery Montessori School; Jacksonville, FL — November 2008 - present

- Accountable for the operation of the programs and activities of Discovery Montessori School, in keeping with the mission and vision of the school.
- Provide leadership to the administrative team and staff. Oversee the development, implementation and evaluation of programs and services.
- Provide leadership for activities which affect the current and future development of the school.

Director of Admissions & Public Relations, Discovery Montessori School; Jacksonville, FL — June 2004 - November 2008

- Responsible for all aspects of the recruiting, admissions and retention process.
- Develop, oversee, and evaluate the Admissions process for regular programs, support services, enrichment offerings and summer camp.
- Provide short and long term planning, advise and provide information to the Head of School and Board of Directors.

Director of Marketing, Southlight Publishing — June 2000 - May 2004

- Develop, establish and maintain marketing strategies to meet organizational objectives.

- Effective management of advertising and promotional activities.
- Ongoing analysis of customer research, current market conditions and competitor information.

Information Specialist & Program Assistant, University of Florida; Gainesville, Florida — December 1997 - August 1999

- Develop, establish and maintain marketing strategies to meet organizational objectives.
- Effective management of advertising and promotional activities.
- Ongoing analysis of customer research, current market conditions and competitor information.

Education

- Jacksonville University, Master of Business Administration (MBA), Leadership Development, 2013 – 2015 (expected)
- University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH — BA, English/Marine Biology, 1990
- American Montessori Society Administrators Credential, Center for Montessori Education, 2011
- National Child Development Associate, Council for Professional Recognition, 2010
- Florida Directors Credential, 2010

Organizations

- American Montessori Society - Leadership Development Committee, Secretary
- Florida Council of Independent Schools - Member
- Florida Kindergarten Council - Member
- Jacksonville Beach Elementary School Advisory Council - Chair
- Julia Landon Middle School Advisory Council - Member
- National Association for the Education of Young Children - Member