



Mary Seawell

Treasurer, Denver Board of Education

DPS Foundation board member since June 2011



Mary Seawell was elected to the Denver Board of Education as an at-large representative in November 2009. She serves as the Board Treasurer. Before joining the board, Seawell worked for Get Smart Schools to create an MBA in School Leadership at the University of Denver. Seawell is a past Executive Director of both the Sturm Family Foundation and Judi's House, a grief center for children. In 2000, she was contracted by the Ford Foundation to evaluate Uganda's only legal aid clinic. At the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, she helped coordinate a statewide community planning effort for HIV/AIDS prevention and created a medical monitoring program for communities surrounding the Rocky Mountain Arsenal.

Seawell has served on the boards of numerous nonprofits, including Bluff Lake Nature Center, the Carolyn W. & Charles T. Beaird Family Foundation, the Lab at Belmar, the Rape Assistance and Awareness Program and the Chinook Fund. She was a board member for the Odyssey School and a founding board member for the Denver Language School.

Seawell earned her bachelor's degree from American University in print journalism and philosophy. She was a James C. Owen, Jr./Agron Endowed Scholar at the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, where Seawell received her Juris Doctorate in 2001. She and her husband, Lee Ferguson, are raising their three daughters in the Stapleton neighborhood. Seawell is a proud DPS parent.