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Garfield Re-2 approves two new principals

RIFLE, CO - At a special school board meeting, held Friday, July 18 at 8:30 a.m., the Garfield Re-2 Board of Directors approved the recommendations for two new building leaders in the District.

Lisa Pierce will take over the reigns as the new Principal at Elk Creek Elementary and Jana Price will be the new Principal at Kathryn Senor Elementary.

Lisa Pierce Comes Home

Long-time Garfield Re-2 educator Lisa Pierce returns to the District after a two-year stint as principal of Johnson Elementary in Montrose, Colo. Pierce was a Garfield Re-2 educator for 12-years including a classroom teacher at the former Roy Moore Elementary, an intervention teacher and academic coach at Cactus Valley Elementary and an academic coach at Elk Creek Elementary.

She left Garfield Re-2 to pursue her administrative career as the Principal at Johnson Elementary. She returns to her former school, and her home.

“Garfield Re-2 is home for me,” said Pierce. “I will miss the students and staff at Johnson Elementary. They have helped me grow and become a better leader and a better person,

but I am very excited to return to Garfield Re-2 and bring the experience I have gained back to the district that taught me how to be a leader.”

Pierce takes over for Kenny Newby who resigned at the end of June to take a position back in his home state of Minnesota.

“I look forward to working with the wonderful ECE staff and together, we can continue to strengthen the culture and achievement of an already great school,” she said.

Pierce holds a Bachelors of Science from Central Michigan University and a Masters in Educational Leadership from Mesa State College.

Jana Price to Lead KSE

Kathryn Senor parents will see a familiar face in the role of Principal when school begins in August. Jana Price, the current Success For All Reading Facilitator, will move into the Principal position, taking over for long-time Principal Dave Lindenberg who resigned earlier this year to take over as Garfield Re-2 Assistant Superintendent.

Price has worked for Garfield Re-2 for nine-years in a variety of roles. She began her career in the District as a classroom teacher at Riverside Middle School, transitioned to Rifle Middle School as an Academic Coach, and currently is at KSE as the Success For All Reading Facilitator.

She is excited to make the transition to Principal at KSE and continue to support the community of New Castle.

“In my roles as academic coach and SFA facilitator, I recognized that I have a passion for leadership. After receiving my Administrative Leadership degree from the University of Colorado Denver, I began to seek opportunities to serve in a role of encouraging and empowering others to set and achieve goals. The move to principal allows me to have a deeper connection with staff as well as the New Castle community,” she explained.

Stepping into the role of Principal in a school where she was recently a staff member, gives Price great insight into the staff and the systems, but she adds that she is not afraid to look outside of the box for solutions.

“The Kathryn Senor Elementary staff and students have developed a culture that is unique. As a staff member I know that the entire staff believes that ‘all of our kids are all of our kids’ and that translates into a family environment that truly ‘grows and learns together.’ I am very humbled and honored to serve in this role,” said Price. “However, I will challenge the status quo to help our staff and students become the best they can be.”

Price holds a Bachelors Degree from West Texas A & M in Interdisciplinary Studies, a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction from Colorado Christian University and an Educational Specialist degree from the University of Colorado – Denver.

“We had exceptional candidates for both positions,” said Dr. Susan Birdsey, Garfield Re-2 Superintendent. “The fact that we has such strong candidates with an intimate knowledge of the Garfield Re-2 District – our staff, our kids, our families and our systems – and with such a deep devotion to children made the hiring process easy.”

Although their familiarity with Garfield Re-2 helped with the process, Garfield Re-2’s newest principals were hired for their skills.

“Lisa Pierce and Jana Price are excellent additions to the administrative team of Garfield Re-2. They both have rich classroom teaching experiences, and have demonstrated a deep knowledge of best practices in both the classroom, and as building and District leaders. We are lucky to have them,” said Dr. Birdsey.

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Photos:

Lisa Pierce.jpg – Lisa Pierce, new Principal at Elk Creek Elementary.

Jana Price.jpg - Janna Price, new Principal at Kathryn Senor Elementary.



