

Denise Kent-Romo

Denise has served on the Sunol Glen School Board for four years. She made her way to this quirky and beautiful town of Sunol via New York City. After a whirlwind of an adventure in the land of the barbarians at gate on Wall Street, working for Bruce Wasserstein's investment bank and supporting research for his book Big Deal: The Battle for Control of America's Leading Corporations, she was lured to San Francisco by management consulting firm, McKinsey & Company where she worked with some incredibly talented and wonderful people. It was soon the late 90's and 2000's, so of course she then bounced around from dot com to dot bomb for a bit and ended up at Banc of America Securities as a VP and Director of Research. She also had every intention to head back east after a few years, but fate led her to meet her husband to be at a book club organized by a group of SF Department of Justice lawyers who had all interned together or worked together, except for her, the lone former High School English Teacher. Not surprisingly, no one could ever agree to agree on a theme or characterization and it was both annoying and highly entertaining. The book club eventually dissolved, but a few great friendships were formed and a wedding took place.

Eight years ago the Romo family, now a total of four, was looking to move closer to Apple Inc., where Denise's husband works as an attorney. By chance, they cruised into the town of Sunol for brunch at the now defunct Railroad Cafe, fell in love with this place and decided to stay.

On the day that Denise and her two children were taking a tour of Sunol Glen School, they were greeted by a Principal, Mrs. Barnes, wearing a blue wig who was running around with the children who were all trying to hug her. Everyone was laughing and engaging and celebrating the success of the Scholastic Book Fair and they decided to enroll.

Over the past eight years, Denise's two children have graduated from Sunol Glen. One is now a freshman at Reed College and the other is a sophomore at Foothill High School. During those eight years Denise was fortunate to spend a great deal of time volunteering at the school as a VP of the Community Club, FAME art program parent, classroom volunteer, Book Fair chairperson, on the School Site Council and LCAP Budget Parent Advisory Committee. She has also worked at the school as a Read Naturally Instructor and was able to put her old New Jersey teaching credential to good use as a substitute teacher in every grade from K-8. She made some wonderful friendships in the Sunol Glen community and has the utmost respect and gratitude for the teachers and staff who are super stars in their profession. Her vision for the school remains providing a safe environment for students as well as maintaining an atmosphere that nurtures the development of a strong character, personal intellectual achievement, curiosity and growth as a person. It was an honor to be elected and to continue to serve the community as a Board member.