

Derek R. Boonisar has worked in independent schools for twenty-four years and is an alumnus of Noble and Greenough School (1989), where he served as a member of the Board of Trustees from 2012-2015, and Dexter School (1985).

Joining the Fenn community in 1995 as a Latin teacher and athletic coach, Derek served as the director of Secondary School Placement, now called Secondary School Counseling, from 2001- 2007. In 2007, he was appointed Head of the Upper School and a year later he was named Assistant Head of School.

In the last several years, as a member of the Senior Administrative Team, Derek has collaborated closely with Head of School Jerry Ward and has assumed operations of the School in the head's absence. In his role as Associate (formerly Assistant) Head of School, Derek has attended all Board of Trustees meetings and served on three Board subcommittees. He continues to oversee the Secondary School Counseling office and the Athletics office, sits on the Editorial Board for Fenn publications, and is a member of the Marketing Group, the Strategic Planning Executive Committee, and the Upper School Admissions Committee.

As well as continuing in his administrative roles, Derek teaches Latin and is the head coach of varsity ice hockey, an eighth grade advisor, and advisor to the Student Senate.

Derek earned a B.A. in English with a minor in Classics from the University of Vermont in 1993 and an Ed.M. in Administration, Planning, and Social Policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in 1999. As a participant in the Field Experience Program while at Harvard, he served as an admissions representative for Buckingham Browne and Nichols School in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Prior to his twenty-two years at Fenn, Derek taught Latin and coached soccer, hockey, and baseball at Salisbury School in Connecticut from 1993-1995. He was a member of the admissions committee, a student advisor, and a dormitory supervisor.

Derek coached a variety of sports and activities at a number of summer campus, including Summer Fenn, Star Camps, and Tenacre School Day Camp, from 1986-2006.

A native of Needham, Massachusetts, Derek currently lives in Sudbury, Massachusetts, with his wife, Elizabeth (Liz), a corporate recruiter in the pharmaceutical industry, and their two children: Caroline, 11, and Christopher, 8.