



Ms Sue Lovecy, Head of School

November 14th 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Parent Local Governor Election

We wrote to you on 7th November to invite nominations for the vacancy for a parent Governor.

I am delighted to say that there has been a good response and there are two candidates for this vacancy. This means we must now hold an election. The candidates are:

Nicholas Kennan

Dave Peterson

Each candidate has submitted a supporting statement which you can read prior to voting and is attached to this letter. You may vote for up to one candidate. Each parent can only vote once, regardless of the number of pupils you have attending the school.

The supporting statements are attached and link to submit your vote is:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jsPPYiPIp0GTv3qo35-Q0FPxr5LCAINFsJrbasFg_bdUMUJJRU9WWkdKRIRDOENWRE85VEZWQks2Vy4u

The election will be decided by a simple majority of votes cast. In the event of a tie, the Chair of the LGB and Headteacher will request a Knowledge and Skills Assessment from the tied candidates and recommend appointment by the Trustees based the candidate skills.

When the election has been completed at 9.00am on the 22 November 2023, the successful candidate will have to complete certain compliance documentation including a DBS check. We will let you know the outcome as soon as we can, but the process can take up to 4 weeks.

If in the meantime you have any queries, please contact the Chair of the LGB (jan.edmondson@318education.co.uk) or the Headteacher (sue.lovecy@stm.318education.co.uk). Thank you for taking the time and trouble to support this election.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Edmondson

Sue Lovecy

Chair of the LGB

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PARENT GOVERNOR APPLICANTS: AUTUMN 2023:

NICHOLAS KENNAN

Personal Statement:

I have two children in the secondary school in Years 7 & 9. Whilst not raised locally, I have lived in St Martins since 2003.

I am former Royal Naval officer having left the Service in 2006. I am now a barrister practising from Chambers in Birmingham. I am also a member of Chambers' management committee in my role as the Head of Pupillage & Recruitment. In this role, I am responsible for the fair recruitment and selection of pupil barristers and new members as well as contributing to the wider running of Chambers. As such, both in my current and previous career, I have gained experience of management and oversight. I have been fortunate enough to have the opportunity to speak at numerous university law department events, and meet those young people aspiring to join the profession. I am a strong believer that education is the best opportunity for prosperity regardless of background. I believe that any student has the potential to achieve their aspirations through hard work and with the right support.

DAVE PETERSON

Personal Statement:

I started as a Primary teacher in 2002 and was a Primary Headteacher in Shropshire for nearly a decade (2013-22). I now work in the Education-Technology sector, training schools and school leaders across England. I believe that I have a great deal to offer and would love to use my professional experience, skills and attributes from a lifetime in Education to support St Martins School's continued development, by sitting on the Local Governing Body.

My skills and experience are not limited to Primary schools. Between 2014 and 2019, I was part of the Executive Senior Leadership Team of a small Multi Academy Trust (including a Shropshire secondary school), learning a great deal about High Schools in the process. I also sat as a governor on a 3-18 all-through school in Herefordshire, at my daughter's first Primary School. I have attended, prepared for and contributed to hundreds of governors meetings in that time and as such, have a detailed and current knowledge of how school governance functions.

My daughter is in Year 7 and my youngest daughter will also attend St Martin's in 3 years' time, so my commitment to the school will be long term, if elected. My current career allows flexibility in my working hours, so I would also be able to visit school during schooltime as required. I would like to use my background in education and my commitment to my daughters' future to ensure that the LGB is connected to and aware of the voice and views of the parent community.

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