

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

UPDATED NOMINEE STATEMENTS

Mr Hartland

With one child already on his important journey at The Summerhill School and a second starting in September, having the opportunity to help shape the direction of the school is of keen interest to me.

Throughout my employment I have held various senior positions covering a broad set of skills, including leadership, managing people, recruitment, change management, project management, shaping and influencing commercial strategy and data interpretation and analysis.

A key part of what I do is engage with key stakeholders to influence, shape and embed our company strategy that not only fits the short-term vision, but is focussed on delivering longer term objectives.

To enable this to happen, I believe it is important to ensure that decision making is done using fact based and rationale information, even when the final decision may not be the popular one.

With the experience I have, I feel that I can help Summerhill to continue with its strategic direction, whilst considering the important balance of children's learning and enjoying their time at school.

For me, it is essential that we continue to get the foundations right today and then start to future proof the school, so that Summerhill remains a school of choice for children and parents in years to come.

Mrs Owen

As a parent I believe your child's education is an extremely important aspect of their lives not only in their academic achievements but also in their development of social and other life skills. I feel the governing body plays an important role working in the background supporting the school implementing government policies, holding the school leadership team "to account" as they make decision about the future of the school.

As part of this team and while working as a unit I feel that as a parent governor it is also important to assess issues and decisions from a parent's perspective ensuring that the views of parents are considered at all times. As a parent governor supporting the school it is also necessary at times to challenge and question decisions ensuring they are in the best interests of the school. Through knowledge and experience in my NHS management position I am accustomed to being part of a large team where there are competing opinions, I am able to ask difficult questions and speak out for what is important. If elected I would work with energy and enthusiasm to help Summerhill School achieve its goals and aspirations whilst bringing a new and fresh perspective to the team.

Our children's future is of the uppermost importance, we want them to be happy, confident and become the very best they can be, therefore I would welcome the opportunity in making a difference in the education, of not just my children, but the school as a whole.

Mr Van Veen

With four children at Summerhill I have a strong desire to ensure ALL children achieve their potential in their time here.

I have four years previous governor experience. Parking was an issue around our primary school and a group of parents and I lobbied the council - railings were installed and road markings were upgraded by the council thus improving child safety.

I work in the emergency services in a managerial role. I have worked on financial best value projects as part of this.

I firmly believe schooling is not just about educational achievement although this is very important. School plays a huge role in shaping our children to become the responsible adults they need to be and play an important role in society.

You will find me supportive in assisting you with any worries or concerns you have. I would be proud to be your voice.

I have always been active in the local community in a voluntary capacity mainly through football coaching and mentoring children with complex needs. Currently I'm a voluntary Cadet Leader with WMP Cadets. This initiative will involve as many local schools as possible.

I want the same as all you parents - for Summerhill to challenge, support and inspire our children to be the best they can be rather than just getting by whatever their academic ability might be. I am approachable and knowledgeable having undertaken the parent governor role before.

To enable parents/careers to consider the revised statements, the closing date for votes has been extended to Wednesday 7th February, 2017

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