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Re: Election of Parent Governor – Amendment

Dear Parent / Carer,

Due to an administrative error, Mr Michael McKiernan's statement was not included in the original letter sent for which the fault lies with me. Mr McKiernan submitted his application within the correct timeframe. The closing date for nominations for the role of Parent Governor has now passed and we have received nominations from the following five people who all qualify under the rules laid down in the Instrument of Government. We have extended the deadline for voting as a result of this.

Once again, I apologise to all parties concerned in this matter.

Voting Procedure:

Ballot Box Voting - Ballot Box In Person Voting – One way in which you are able to cast your votes for these candidates listed below is by visiting the East Business Office and filling in a ballot paper selecting your chosen candidate. This option for voting allows for your vote to be completely anonymous as we only record your name. We record your name in order to ensure only one vote per parent is submitted. Ballot Box voting times are outlined below:

- Wednesday 15th March – 12:00 – 16:00
- Thursday 16th March – 08:30 – 16:00
- Friday 17th March – 08:30 – 16:00
- Monday 20th March – 08:30 – 16:00
- Tuesday 21st March – 08:30 – 15:00

Email Voting - We have had a number of parents request remote voting due to working and family commitments. Therefore we will still have the email voting option, as other island schools have in recent times. Email votes are to be cast by emailing me directly at Clare.Cayzer@sch.im. However, we are unable to receive your vote anonymously if you wish to use this approach to vote. All votes will be confidential, but we need to be able to verify email addresses so that only parents of current students can participate and to ensure only one vote is submitted per parent. This information will only be held with me and destroyed as soon as the count has taken place.

Anyone who has already cast their email vote will be contacted today to give them the option to change their vote via email or withdraw the email vote if they prefer to vote via the in-person ballot box.

The final count will now take place on Tuesday 21st March at 15:00

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

Clare Cayzer
School Business Manager / Clerk to the Governing Body

RGS Parent Governor Candidates March 2023

Michael McKiernan

I have three children currently at RGS and another due to start in 2024.

I live and work in Ramsey, running a small business with premises in the town.

I have previous experience of working with adults and children with learning difficulties and have also volunteered for several charities.

My main priority is making sure our children have a safe and secure environment to learn in. I believe our children should be treated with respect and be allowed to voice their opinions and learn to respect the opinions of others.

I'm also keen to ensure that children with additional needs have the recourses they need.

Through my business I have experience of managing finance and budgets. I also have experience of managing people and I have a wide variety of business and personal friends and contacts to call upon for assistance in lots of areas as and when required.

I am keen to assist the school management and staff but I'm also willing to challenge decisions and ask difficult questions on behalf of parents and children if necessary.

James Osborne

My name is James Osborne and I currently live in Ballaugh. I am an independent financial adviser and am the managing director of Osborne Financial Services Limited at the same address. I have lived on the Isle of Man for 31 years and prior to this lived and was born in Derbyshire. I hereby apply for the position of parent/governor vacancy and would appreciate your consideration for this position.

The reasons behind me applying are as follows:

1. I have considerable experience in the business world having been a financial adviser for some considerable years and having had my own company in the Isle of Man for over 30 years.
2. I have two grown up boys aged 30 and 21, so I have experienced their time through school etc.
3. I have considerable experience in communication skills, particularly on impartiality and can hopefully provide an honest mindset on any issues.

Kevan Gelling

As a proud parent of three children who attend Ramsey Grammar School, I am writing this personal statement to express my interest in serving as a parent governor at their school. I have always been passionate about education and the impact it can have on a young person's life, and I believe that serving as a parent governor would be a great opportunity for me to get more involved in the school community and contribute to its success.

As a parent, I have a deep commitment to ensuring that my children receive the best possible education. I am aware of the importance of having a strong and supportive school community, and I believe that serving as a parent governor would be a great way for me to get more involved in this community and help to shape the future of the school. I am eager to bring my perspective and competences to the table and to work with the other governors to make RGS an even better place for all students.

I am a software engineer by profession, and I believe that the skills I have developed in my work can be of great benefit to the governing body. I have a strong analytical mind, which I believe would be valuable in reviewing school policies and financial reports, and in making decisions that are in the best interest of the students. Additionally, I have experience in project management and problem solving, which I believe would be invaluable in helping the school to address any challenges it may face.

In addition, I have also been involved in community work for the last 14 years as a layperson on the Island's Clinical Review Committee. This has given me understanding in working collaboratively with others to achieve common goals, as well as providing me with a strong sense of the importance of serving my community.

In conclusion, I am enthusiastic about education and the role that schools play in shaping the lives of young people. I believe that my skills and experience make me an ideal candidate for the role of parent governor, and I am eager to

contribute to the success of Ramsey Grammar School. I would be honoured to have the opportunity to serve as a parent governor and to play a role in the ongoing success of this important institution.

Rachel Ranson-Teare

Reason to apply – As a former pupil of RGS – who now has a successful professional career ACA & CTA – I received a sound education from this school and I would love for it to provide the same quality of education for both my own children but our future generations.

Experience – I am a teacher's daughter so have always been surrounded by education.

My own education will allow me to bring a professional approach to the board, RGS, Imperial Collage University then ACA & CTA.

I am also a farmers wife, the farmer was RGS educated so can also offer a very practical approach to what a school should offer the wider community.

I have an Autistic child as well as my daughter who started RGS in Sep 2022, so have a wide interest in the type of education and support this school should offer.

The most import reason I think I would be an asset to the board is that I am very proud of my RGS education and really want to ensure that it offers the same 5* education for future generations, this is across all sectors of life. The school should be the backbone of the community.

Iain Bell

I am honoured to have been proposed as Parent Governor of the RGS school board. I have two children at RGS and I have a keen interest in ensuring our children have access to a good, well rounded education.

Outside of being a parent I work in the IT and Security industry and I am a member of the Chamber of Commerce Data Protection Officer Form and Deputy Chair of the Chamber of Commerce ISO forum.