

Election Evening Wednesday 13th October 2010

For those who were unable to be present at last week's SB & PO elections, please see below notes which give a general overview of the evenings proceedings:

6.30pm Registration of parent members, 69 in total

7.00pm Introduction from Fergus Nolan

Introduction and an outline of the evening, including format for candidate presentations and voting, was presented. Questions were invited.

Question from the floor

There are nine positions and nine candidates, why does there need to be a vote?

Answer from Fergus Nolan

It was explained that the candidates still have to receive 51% of the votes in order to be elected.

Question from the floor

If only five are elected, then will there only be five members of the PO for the year?

Answer from Fergus Nolan

Yes

Question from the floor

Do we need 9 members?

Answer from Fergus Nolan

Nine is the number that the previous PO agreed. However, if only five are elected, then there will only be five members for the year.

7.10pm SB Candidate presentations to begin, were there any questions?

Question from the floor

Why is there only one parent member on the board?

Answer from Fergus Nolan

It was felt that the optimal number was one as the SB was then able to have independent members.

Question from the floor

If there is only one member and they cannot attend or leave then the board will be below the minimum requirement.

Question from the floor

Why was there no proxy vote?

Answer from Fergus Nolan

In the articles of association it states that only those present are permitted to vote. Articles of association may be reviewed in the future but for now we need to abide by the articles.

7.12pm SB Candidate presentations, James Joy.

Question from the floor

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You have a two year term but you are stepping down after one, why?

Answer from James Joy

The articles state that the whole board cannot be re-elected at once so it required one member to go for re-election this year. I felt that it was important that the chairman and financial expert remained in place and it was appropriate that I should stand down.

Question from the floor

Do you have a commitment to bring back the proxy vote?

Answer from James Joy

A personal view is to have a proxy vote but let's concentrate on having the rules in place and follow them.

Question from the floor

We have an SB with a minimum number but have three candidates who could all be on the board, but we are voting for only one.

Answer from James Joy

This has been answered previously, but the decision was made to have one parent member and to bring in an independent educational specialist so that the SB would be balanced.

7.21pm SB Candidate presentations, Tom Peach

Question from the floor

What would you see as your biggest challenge?

Answer from Tom Peach

The school is now in a good and positive position. Setting the vision and the plans for the future is the biggest challenge. The Board has done an amazing job in taking the school here and now is the time to plan for the future.

Question from the floor

This role requires a lot of work and commitment, do you have time?

Answer from Tom Peach

This is my second talk tonight, I would be able to prioritise.

Question from the floor

Is there a conflict of interest being married to a member of staff?

Answer from Tom Peach

I'm used to dealing with confidential information. I would step out of any meeting if needed. We are all pulling together and wanting the same thing anyway.

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7.30pm SB Candidate presentations, Video presentation from Nick Rust who was unable to be present

The video was stopped after 5 minutes in line with presentation timings.

Question from the floor

Can we see the rest of the video?

Agreed and the video was finished.

7.37pm Thanks was given to James Joy for his hard work over the year.

7.37pm Voting boxes were positioned around the room and votes were cast.

Question from the floor

There is a bit of confusion, they thought Karel Lankenau had already resigned.

Answer from Karel Lankenau

I did resign in April but I was asked by members of the SB to reconsider. I did reconsider and had the full backing of the board and withdrew my resignation. I am glad I did as we have managed to make the changes that we were trying to make.

7.43pm Explanation from Fergus Nolan on the format of the PO vote, there are 69 voters present.

7.44pm PO presentations.

8.08pm Announced by John Light that unfortunately Tom Peach had been unsuccessful and that James Joy and Nick Rust were tied. There would be a second vote for these two candidates.

8.11pm Second vote for SB member was cast.

8.17pm John Light announced that Nick Rust was elected by a margin of three votes. Thanks give to James Joy and Tom Peach.

8.20pm John Light announced the results of the PO election. Frederica Camurri, Lynn Dahlin, Amanda Hampton, Anni Kearney, Aruna Sanagavaram, Tami Teppo and Marissa Thompson had successfully received over 51% of the vote and had been elected.

8.23pm Fergus Nolan thanked James Joy for all his hard work, Liz, Jack and the other PO members.

8.24pm John Light thanked the outgoing PO for all their hard work.