

7 October 2022

Dear Families

Re Parent Governor election The Farnley Academy

Following on from my letter of Wednesday, 21 September 2022, I can confirm that the nomination period for the role of Parent Governor has now closed, and we have had two nominations. As the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies on the governing body there is a need to conduct an election to determine the new governor.

On the following page you will find the details of the 2 applications and also a short statement from each of them, explaining why they feel that they are suited to the role. Please take the time to read each of these statements and then using the link below please nominate which person you wish to vote for:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUGV4e1cT1roEJ4kpAo7EjPtDg_paKRFz3RCR08d7nzfuqVg/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you are unable to access the link above then please contact the academy directly, they will provide you with a paper voting form and explain how to return that form to be counted.

Please also take note of the points below with regard to the voting process:

- Each parent / carer with a child attending The Farnley Academy is eligible to take part in the voting.
- Each parent / carer can select only one candidate to vote for.
- Each parent / carer may only submit one vote return.
- Any blank votes, votes that indicate multiple candidate or 'spoiled' papers will not be counted.
- Voting will close at 17:00hrs on Friday, 21 October 2022.

If you have any questions regarding the voting process, then please contact the academy by email at info@farnley.leeds.sch.uk or via phone on 0113 2630741.

Your faithfully



Mr C Stokes
Principal

The following candidates have nominated themselves for the ballot – please take the time to read their individual statements before selecting your chosen candidate:

Sharon Knott

Personal Statement

Hello, I am Sharon Knott, I have lived in Farnley since I was two years old, moving into the newly built Stonecliffe estate. My children attended Farnley Park school and my grandson, who I have legal responsibility for attends TFA in year 9.

I have been very involved with Farnley War Memorial, both the restoration and researching of the men commemorated, and my research is an online free resource.

My main career has been within the voluntary sector, employed primarily as Finance Manager and also as a Fundraising Advice Worker and Community Development Worker. I have professional qualifications in accountancy and would hope that my experience at the Senior Leadership level means that I can support, and if necessary, challenge senior staff on the strategic direction of TFA and its financial performance.

I presently work as a casual Exam Invigilator, so have free time to attend governor's meetings and any training.

From 2018 to 2022 I was a Civil Servant and I volunteer for the Civil Service Social Club. I also volunteer as a bookkeeper and fundraiser for Jamyang Buddhist Centre.

I have knowledge and experience in special educational needs, disabilities, inclusion and diversity, safeguarding and child protection, and HR.

Ian Balance

Personal Statement

My name is Ian, a 43 year old father of 3 (two boys and one girl), who's oldest two children have either previously attended or are currently attending Farnley academy. My children are 9, 11 and 19 respectively so I am aware of both the joys and challenges parenthood brings during the testing school years. I am currently employed as an operation manager for a large multinational organization where I have responsibility for functions such as manufacturing, engineering, training & development and Health & Safety for our West Yorkshire site. I am a member of the site's 'Green Team' which focuses on sustainability and the environmental impact of our business along with wider businesses engagement program, where I am involved in how we communicate to, mentor and coach all our employees.

I currently volunteer at a local Rugby League community club as a head coach and I have coached kids between the ages of 7 and 18 over a 20 year period. I believe my current positions within the community and industry would help me offer strategic guidance to support the school and help make a positive contribution to the growth, development and wellbeing of young people within the academy.