

Election of Parent Governors

The Federation of Heavers Farm and Selsdon Primary Schools

There is a vacancy for one parent governor from **Heavers Farm**.

The Candidates are:

Election of Federation Parent Governor

| CANDIDATE | MARK AN 'X' TO INDICATE YOUR VOTE |
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| Mrs. Renee Bond | |
| Mr. Moses Bukenya | |
| Mr. Nigel Collins | |
| Mr. Graeme Miall | |
| Mrs. Gaby Hunter | |
| Mrs. Semayah Lyew-Sang | |

Once you have made your vote, please return this to the school office in a sealed envelope labelled 'Parent Governor Election'

Each parent/carer is entitled to **one vote**, irrespective of the number of children s/he has at the school. Completed ballot papers should be returned to the school by:

3.00pm on Friday 10th October 2014

PERSONAL STATEMENT OF MRS.RENEE BOND

My name is Renee Bond and currently in my final year studying therapeutic counselling and working as a youth counsellor at two Croydon organisations. I also mentor/coach students in secondary schools within the Croydon borough, who have behavioural issues.

Whilst working in the secondary schools within Croydon, I have a new appreciation of the significance of setting a firm foundation in the early years of education. Unfortunately I have seen the detrimental effects of a poor early year's education and its ramifications for teenagers.

This experience is what is fuelling my desire to become school governor. Thus making me a critical friend of the school who can help to raise educational standards. I am also ready to rise to the challenge of learning new skills and starting to support the school from a strategic viewpoint.

My son attends Heavers Farm school and I would describe myself as a proactive parent, who truly believes that school and home need to work in partnership for success of the children.

I also have a background in Finance in regards to credit control and would be happy to offer my assistance in that area also.

I am particularly interested in improving the area of parent participation and given the opportunity, I would prove to be an asset to the team.

PERSONAL STATEMENT OF MR. MOSES BUKENYA

About myself:

I am 42yrs old, a husband, and father of four beautiful children (three girls and a son). Three of our children are already studying at Heavers Farm Primary School since nursery. The eldest is now in Yr3, the second in Yr1 and the third in Reception. Hopefully, the youngest will join (start nursery) next September - 2015. My family and I have lived in the community (at the above address) since May 2010.

Career & Professional:

I am a graduate in (BA Hons) Applied Social Science, Youth Work and Community Development _ in 2011. With a background in various career fields and experience, I possess knowledge, skills and experience in accountancy, youth work and mentoring (outreach/ family support), engaging with families across a range of issues pertaining to children and young people in relation to their academics and social responsibilities, project management, International networking & coordinating, facilitating and delivering Personal Development Training Workshops (both for young people and professionals/ adults).

I am also involved in different mentoring roles, especially working with the hard to engage young people, those at risk of exclusion (or excluded) from main stream education. Supporting and providing training to young people in their transition to adulthood as well as delivering training to raise achievement, motivation, self-discipline, self-confidence, understanding the art of engagement, overcoming barriers, both in their education and future career opportunities.

I have a background in the building and construction industry and property re-developments/improvements. With specific attention to details and maximizing output.

Presently, I am a General manager and a PD trainer at Embrace Cooperation Ltd. My role and responsibilities cover a broad spectrum. Some of which are;

- Operational coordination and running of projects (both national and international) with team.
- Team Management and operational staff appraisals.
- Preparation of the annual report of activities for the annual accounts and submitting management reports to the board of directors.
- Team Recruitment & Redundancies.
- Reviewing and updating company policies.
- Overseeing finance and financial management
- Generating income for the organisation with the fundraising team and the board of directors.
- As well as developing, facilitating and delivering training workshops.

Why apply to be on the school governing body?

Simply for four reasons;

1. Every organisation rises or falls based on its leadership.
2. I view our schools as a learning community (by the people, for the people) as opposed to being just another education establishment.
3. I have a passion to see children, young people and the professionals that work with them reach their full potential and abilities in order to live their Life Dream. I believe every individual has a dream to fulfil.
4. I believe our school MUST skilfully create the atmosphere for its vision to happen.

And for these reasons, I have the necessary skills set in leadership and strategic management to complement and enhance the services already in place. I also believe that my experience, knowledge and skills will be valuable to support and encourage the school management and the already existing governing body.

My back ground in youth work will be beneficial in supporting or sharing good practice ideas to effectively engage with the young people, families and the community at large.

With the experience of working and engaging on a daily basis with people from various backgrounds, cultures and faiths, I have the necessary insights with regards to transcultural awareness which is key to having a balanced education for our children.

I hope this is sufficient for your consideration and do not hesitate to get in touch should you require further information.

Many thanks.

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PERSONAL STATEMENT OF NIGEL COLLINS

I have been a Parent Governor at Heavers Farm since my son joined the school three years ago. I have got to know the school well, have undertaken training to support my role and feel I have been able to make a valuable contribution.

I have been co-chair of the Premises Committee during the school expansion and worked closely with the head teacher on rebranding and the redesign of the uniform that was introduced last September.

In the Summer term I was elected Vice Chair of the Heavers Farm Governing body in the lead up to formation of the Federation.

The structure of the Federation Governing Body only allows for one Parent Governor per school. I have learned a lot over the last three years and would like to continue to represent the interests of Heavers Farm parents in this capacity during this exciting new phase for the school.

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PERSONAL STATEMENT OF MRS. GABY HUNTER

I've been a parent at Heavers Farm Primary for the past 2 years. My daughter has just started in year 2, Amber Class. I believe that Heavers Farm is a great school which encourages learning for all its pupils. The Federation between Heavers Farm and Selsdon will provide a number of benefits but also challenges for the teachers of both schools. As a governor I would support the leadership team and staff while ensuring that any challenges or changes are in the best interest for our children and that Heavers Farm will continue to provide a positive learning environment.

I believe the first years education of a child are absolutely vital and potentially crucial for their academic achievements later in life. Just as important are also the development of social and life skills. This seems to be nicely balanced at Heavers Farm.

I work within HR in Learning & Development and see first- hand what challenges will meet employees when trying to progress in their careers and help them to overcome these. This knowledge and experience will be a real benefit which I can bring to the Governing Body of Heavers Farm.

I feel passionate not only about primary school education, but also education in general. Heavers Farm is vital to its diverse and multi faith community and if elected, I would work energetically and with great enthusiasm to support and maintain the high standards of the school and any challenges which it might face.

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PERSONAL STATEMENT OF GRAEME MIALL

We have two daughters at Heavers Farm and over the time they have been at the school I have been both proud and happy to bring them here each day.

I've tried where possible to support the PTA activity and would now like to "step up" a level and work more closely with the school and the newly formed foundation to build on the excellent platform that has been established over the last 4-5years.

On a personal level, I have considerable financial experience having been a Corporate Bank manager – evaluating financial information, budget sheets, annual accounts and business proposals.

I've also been managing director of a Swedish software company's UK subsidiary, taking the business forward from early start up to employing around 15 people with a turnover in excess of £1.5m. This also saw me work closely with the UK education sector delivering online learning to FE and HE colleges as well as the government backed online Learn Direct initiative.

Since then I have gone on to establish two new businesses that I continue to run today – both with a key focus on communication and marketing.

With a strong marketing background and excellent communication skills as well as considerable experience working at a strategic level from planning through to successful implementation of some fairly diverse projects, I think I can contribute a great deal to the evolution of Heavers Farm and the foundation as a whole.

My work ethos is not to settle for “good enough”. I believe Heavers Farm has grown into the very special school that it is today on the same underlying principle. If we can maintain the current values and improve certain key items (in particular school-parent communication and parent-school interaction) then I truly believe that Heavers Farm and the foundation can be leading lights in Croydon's education system.

Spare time and odd facts about me – not that much spare time (although enough to commit to the Governor role!) with two daughters setting the pace, but I love music (you might have seen me with the sound system at the school PTA fairs), scuba diving remains a passion (although the skills are getting a little rusty these days), as does cycling and happily re-discovering camping trips with the family this summer.

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PERSONAL STATEMENT OF MRS. SEMAYAH LYEW-SANG

My name is Semayah Lyew-Sang and I have been living in South Norwood with my husband and two children for the past 4 years. My daughter has just commenced Year One at Heavers Farm school.

I currently work as a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Chronic Kidney Disease in one of London's busiest hospitals. I have been doing this for the past six years because I enjoy helping and looking after people.

I would like to be considered for the Governor role for Heavers Farm and Selsdon Federation because I would like to make a positive impact within the school. I have a strong interest in educating our children for the future and ensuring they become productive members of our society.

When my daughter was in reception I had the opportunity to volunteer two mornings per week to help some children read and develop their phonics. This was very gratifying for me as I could see the improvements they were continuously making.

I am committed to working closely with school management as well as parents/carers so that Heavers Farm can thrive. My mum was a governor when I was at school and I could see the vision, passion and ideas she brought to the establishment. This is something that I would like to do and feel that Heavers Farm and Selsdon Federation is where I can fulfill this.