

As we reach the end of this long and busy term, it hardly seems like any time at all since we were welcoming the new starters to school in September and here we are already in the run up to Christmas! This newsletter serves to bring you up to date on the School Standards Board (SSB) and our current work.

Our School Standards Board

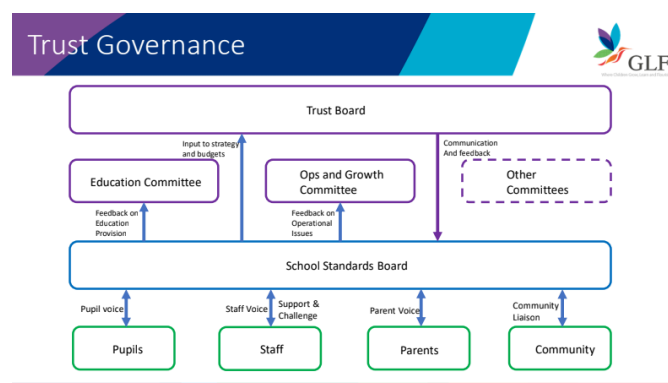
Each of GLF's SSBs have up to 8 local governors:

- Two parents of pupils at the school (to be elected by the parents of registered pupils at the school)
- The Headteacher of the school
- Between three and five community members, Trust appointed or co-opted by the SSB according to current good practice guidelines, including assessment of skills and competencies needed and with regard to ensuring diversity

We have some new members of the SSB, and we would like to extend a warm welcome to Deon Boakye, who has recently been co-opted as a Community member and to Fiona Campbell, who is our new Parent Member, replacing Chris Stirling.

Our current SSB comprises:

Deon Boakye	Co-opted
Mills Brough (Chair)	Co-opted
Fiona Campbell	Parent elected
Mr Custance	Headteacher
Harriet Johnson (Vice Chair)	Co-opted
Cllr. Ian Lewer	Co-opted
Shama Sarwar	Parent elected



The Purpose of the Floreat Wandsworth SSB

The purpose and remit of the SSB is to:

- Provide strategic leadership and direction for the school, within the overall vision for the Trust
- Contribute to the remit of the SSB to oversee educational performance of the school and to ensure pupil and staff well-being
- Participate in challenging conversations and strategic decision-making
- Engage with the school community and the wider community

The Trustees and the SSB, together with the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team, are accountable for the leadership and management of the school. Governors act as 'critical friends' to the school and make strategic decisions as a group, whilst the operational management of the schools remains the responsibility of the Senior Leadership Team.

Who are we and what do we do?

To find out more about the volunteer parent and community members of the SSB and our backgrounds, please look at the governance section of our school website where you will find a profile for each of us. The SSB members discharge their duties through: twice termly meetings, school monitoring visits and contributing to other working groups and committees within The Trust. Members also attend training to improve their understanding of their role and to keep up-to-date in the ever-changing educational world.

The return of some school based visits and the work of the SSB this term

While our first full SSB meeting of the term was held virtually, we had hoped to hold our December meeting in school, but with rising cases we have taken the decision to hold our meeting once again online. Fortunately, this term has seen the return of SSB members being able to spend time in school monitoring all aspects of school life. For almost two years our visits have been virtual, and it is truly wonderful for

governors to have been able to physically return to visiting the school, and we very much hope we can continue with this after the Christmas break.

Following our first meeting of the academic year, the SSB are committed to continual improvement and some of the areas we have been focussing on this term are:

- Monitoring the quality of education for all pupils, including individual meetings with subject faculties to ensure our curriculum offer is both inspirational and innovative, while also ensuring that clear plans are in place to adjust any areas of the curriculum to allow catch up and consolidation to take place where needed.
- Approving and monitoring the School Effectiveness Form and Development Plan (SEFDP). The SEFDP is based on priorities identified from school data, school self-evaluation and Ofsted priorities, and considers feedback from the pupils, staff and families.
- Monitoring school compliance
- Pupil and staff voice work – this engagement work is so crucial to our role
- Monitoring Safeguarding practices – including reviewing policies and procedures and monitoring localised issues
- Monitoring the provision for pupils with SEN or who qualify for Pupil Premium
- Sustainability, including pupil numbers and looking at the marketing of the school and the place of the school within the community

The Floreat Wandsworth Community

We wanted to thank you all for continuing to work with the school for the support you have shown the team, as they continue to try and offer as normal an education as possible. As governors, we are able to see the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to ensure that our school is safe and we would like to publicly thank the entire staff for their continued commitment this year. They truly amaze us, supporting and covering where possible on top of their day to day roles. They collectively provide such wonderful opportunities for our children to progress and flourish. To see happy, engaged children when we visit the school is such a wonderful sight.

We thank the FOFW committee and everyone who helps with events and indeed attends them. The strong community feel was so evident at the Fun Day earlier this term and at the more recent Quiz Night, and it hopefully showed new families how strong and engaged the school community is. We look forwards to more events returning, as the Floreat community events and family flourishing is such an important part of the school.

It is also important to give a special mention to the children, who truly bring the school alive and on visits we've been so impressed by the calm and purposeful, and yet creative working environment, where children are clearly showing their love for school and learning. Their efforts must be truly commended.

We wish you all a fantastic year at Floreat Wandsworth and we look forward to hopefully meeting you in person soon. We are looking to host a coffee morning in January, if restrictions allow, when you can meet us and chat to us in person, as we want to focus on our engagement with parents this year too. Until then, we wish you all a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

The governors can always be contacted at governors@wandsworth.floreat.org.uk or through the School Office, but for operational feedback please do go through the school channels.