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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Executive Headteachers:

Mr M J Roberts & Ms L D Sampson

Head of Upper School: Mrs N Carpenter

Head of Lower School: Mrs J Sorensen

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022

## **Election for Parent Member of the Academy Council (MAC)**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We wrote to you in October to invite nominations for the vacancy for a parent Member of our Academy Council (MAC). We are delighted to say that there has been a good response and there are two candidates for the vacancy. This means we must now hold a ballot.

Attached to this letter is:

- a ballot paper with the names of the candidates (in alphabetical order)
- a copy of the personal statements from the candidates: **Stuart Reid and David Riddle**

Each parent/carers can submit one ballot paper, regardless of the number of children they have attending the school. As indicated on the ballot paper you should vote by marking an **X** alongside the name of the parent/carers candidate you support.

Once you have marked the ballot paper you should put it in the ballot box/post box, which can be found opposite the entrance to Little Cypress at the lower site and in the school office at the upper site. Your ballot paper should be returned by **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30pm** (four school days from the date of this letter). If you are unable to vote in person, please return to: [cypadmin@pegasusacademytrust.org](mailto:cypadmin@pegasusacademytrust.org)

The election will be decided by a simple majority of votes cast. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn. When the election has been completed we will let you know the outcome. If in the meantime you have any queries, please ask the Heads of School.

Yours faithfully,

 

Nicola Carpenter and Jo Sorensen (Heads of School)

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## **Personal Statements**

### **Stuart Reid**

My name is Stuart and my eldest daughter Jocelyn is in Year 1. My wife Kimberley and I have really enjoyed the Cypress experience so far and are looking forward to when our youngest daughter Camille hopefully joins Reception in September. We have lived in and around the area since 2016 and love the community spirit. I would relish the opportunity to get more involved with the school as a Parent MAC.

After finishing my degree, I worked as a teaching assistant in a grammar school and I have a continued passion for supporting young people. I have also been a Cub Scout leader during my studies and facilitated developmental workshops for inner city secondary schools in recent years.

In my current role as a director in a management consultancy firm I advise CEOs and CFOs how to improve their businesses on a regular basis - experience which I can transfer to the Academy Council to get the parents' voices heard. My company's formal commitment to community initiatives means I can make time during my working hours to carry out the MAC role, so I pledge to attend every meeting, visit the school regularly, listen to parents and children and get firmly stuck in!

I will challenge the school to continue to improve, by increasing their additional support on an individual basis where appropriate in the classroom, but also via providing even more inspiring activities on a regular basis. I love music and playing instruments, sporting events and cooking. I want to help every child find their own individual passions whether through visits from different professions, favourite authors, increasing STEM (my wife's profession) and ICT exploration, or more arts, sports, and more exposure to their on-site facilities such as Forest School. I also pledge to make sure the school is a safe, nurturing environment for all our children, with a focus on healthy physical development, nutrition and above all promoting kindness, diversity, and inclusion.

I will bring my experience of working within both high-performing and under-performing educational and business settings and my ability to analyse information. I will listen to feedback and help the school council to drive the best way forward for Cypress as a school and most importantly, for its students.

Thank you for taking the time to read my statement.

### **David Riddle**

My name is David Riddle and my daughter, Robyn, is in Gold class in the lower school. I would like to stand as a Member of the Academy Council.

My Partner and I live on South Norwood Hill and have two daughters (so far). We have lived in and around Crystal Palace for the better part of seven years. Melissa is a restaurateur and I am the COO for a restructuring and advisory business in central London. My further professional background is that I have an MBA from INSEAD and a BA in Economics and Political Science from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. I have worked in general management in growth businesses for the last decade. I am originally from Edinburgh, though the accent has long since been beaten out of me.

I would hope that as a MAC I could bring a passion for continuous improvement, and professional expertise in galvanising bodies of people. I bring strong corporate experience but a friendly manner. I learnt long ago the importance of seeking first to understand, and that if you want to go far you must go together.

In my own time I try to remain active and am currently working to rekindle my interests in trail running and adventure racing. I am active in my alumni communities and regularly interview or coach candidates wanting to attend my old universities. I am a Scottish rugby fan, more's the pity.

Thank you for your consideration.

# **Ballot Paper**

## **Election of Parent Member of the Academy Council (MAC) for the period: November 2022 to November 2026.**

Two nominations have been received from the following parents, listed on the ballot paper below, wishing to serve as a Parent Member of the Academy Council member at Cypress Primary School for a four year term. Please find their personal statements attached. A ballot is therefore necessary and a ballot paper is below for your use.

You may record **one vote** for the candidate of your choice. You must not vote more than once for the same candidate. Votes should be cast in the post box/ballot box, which can be found opposite the entrance to Little Cypress at the lower site and in the school office at the upper site. Postal votes should be forwarded to [cypadmin@pegasusacademytrust.org](mailto:cypadmin@pegasusacademytrust.org) clearly titled 'Parent Member Academy Council Elections - Ballot Paper'.

The closing date and time for votes is **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm**. Votes cast after the closing date and time will be invalid.

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Mark an X to indicate your vote</b>
<b>Stuart Reid</b>	
<b>David Riddle</b>	

Place an **X** in the box provided next to the candidate of your choice. No other mark should be made. Incorrectly completed or defaced papers will be invalid.