

## **Federation of Daubeney, Sebright and Lauriston Primary Schools**

### **Parent Governor Candidate – Jan Balon**

#### Personal Statement

Through my experience as the founding Headteacher of the London Academy of Excellence Tottenham, a 16-19 free school which opened in September 2017, combined with 14 years working in education, I have wide ranging experience of a number of relevant issues for parents at Lauriston. Most notably in the context of the newly formed federation, I feel that my experience of the creation of effective governance structures could be helpful. In addition to this I have led on areas such as curriculum planning and finance, which are crucial, particularly under the current significant funding pressures faced by all schools.



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### **Parent Governor Candidate – Gordon Blower**

#### Personal Statement

I am now retired, previously I managed pubs for over 20 years so I have had extensive experience of dealing with a large cross section of the public.

I communicate well and have experience of finance and organising.

I would contribute with a wide knowledge of finance and am well versed with negotiating with people at every level. I am very approachable.



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### **Parent Governor Candidate – Simone Bowen**

#### Personal Statement

Hackney born and bred, I have worked within Hackney education in different roles including managing work related programmes across borough. I am one of the founding members of SPA (Sebright Parents' Association) which I continue to actively support. Previously as Chair of local charity Shoreditch Trust, I led the organisation from solely government funded to self-funding from multiple income streams. I have previously been a governor at an outstanding Hackney primary school.

I hope my experiences show that I understand parents' needs as well as the challenges schools face.



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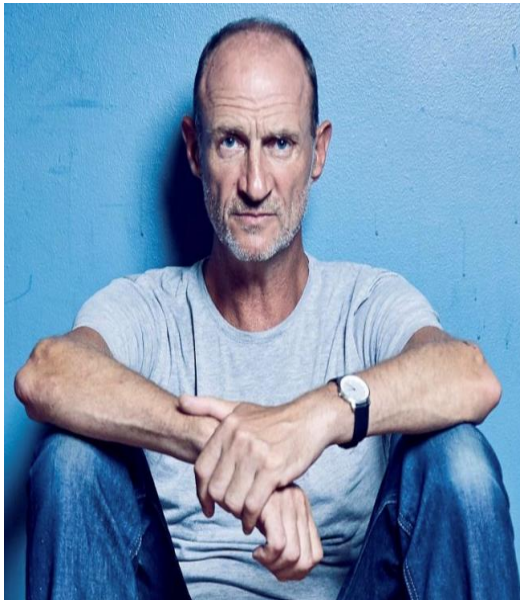
### **Parent Governor Candidate – Stuart Bowman**

#### Personal Statement

During my thirty years working as a professional actor, I have frequently been the union representative, proving to be an effective liaison between management and the creative teams I have spoken for.

The ability to connect and communicate with fellow workers and audiences are perhaps the most important elements of my job, and I imagine these qualities would be invaluable within the governing body.

I would be honoured to be given the chance to help cement and further the admirable ethos of the Federation of the three schools.



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### **Parent Governor Candidate – Rachael Claye**

#### Personal Statement

My oldest daughter started at Sebright in 2009 and my younger two are still here, so we've long been part of the Sebright community. I want to support the governing body in continuing to ensure every child has the warm and happy environment they need to thrive at school, with a stimulating day-to-day experience and a broad, creative curriculum that enables them to develop as problem solvers and independent thinkers.

I have worked as a journalist for 20 years so could offer the governing body communications/drafting skills and help with any press handling, should that be needed.



## **Federation of Daubeney, Sebright and Lauriston Primary Schools**

### **Parent Governor Candidate – Mariana Lucia Marquez**

#### Personal Statement

Hi, I'm Mariana. I've been at Lauriston for 5 years and have a daughter in Y1. I'm also a committee member of the LSA (Lauriston School Association). I'm a communication skills coach, a choreographer, and an entrepreneur. I have started and run 2 successful businesses so far.

As a parent governor I want to contribute my expertise to empower Lauriston, Daubeney, and Sebright to grow our sense of community, strengthen children's creativity and form strong school-parent partnerships.

Great communication between school and parents is key to helping children achieve their full potential.

I would be honoured by your vote. Thanks.



## **Federation of Daubeney, Sebright and Lauriston Primary Schools**

### **Parent Governor Candidate – Simon Muller**

#### Personal Statement

In my profession, I have worked extensively in the areas of change management and communication with leaders in the business world, helping them improve their ability to communicate, manage change and have difficult conversations. I also have extensive experience working with young people at Shakespeare's Globe, where I have created, developed and run workshops for all Key Stages.

I understand the challenges facing the teaching industry as a result of financial pressures and sweeping and wide-ranging changes to Britain's education system across all Key Stages. I also possess the skill-set to help improve the Federation's communication and change management challenges.



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### **Parent Governor Candidate – Flora Ogilvie**

#### Personal Statement

I am a Daubeney parent with three children. Professionally, I am a public health doctor and am passionate about developing school environments that support pupil and staff health, wellbeing and sustainability.

I want to ensure all children have access to opportunities – including safe and active travel to school, healthy eating and physical activity within green and natural environments – in order to achieve good physical health and mental wellbeing, which are essential for academic achievement.

I have extensive professional experience in strategic vision-setting as well as change and performance management, and want to put these skills to use as a governor.





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### **Parent Governor Candidate – Jonathan Rabagliati**

#### Personal Statement

Children learn more during their primary school years than at any other time in their lives. I believe that time should be inspiring, creative, nourishing, rewarding and happy. Primary schools shape children's future. As an artist, designer and architect, I shape experiences, buildings and cities. My role is to ask probing questions, to challenge people's assumptions, to reimagine, and to help find innovative solutions in response to constraints of rules and budgets.

Our children will become our future. I passionately believe that primary schools can be the creative cauldrons of a brighter future for our country and our planet.



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### **Parent Governor Candidate – Catherine Seldon**

#### Personal Statement

I'm mum to Millie in Larch class. I'm also a lawyer. I've worked in family and social welfare law for deprived communities and in prisons in Sierra Leone advocating for vulnerable women. These roles required excellent communication skills to build a rapport with vulnerable clients and negotiate with opponents.

I'm also experienced in change management. At the Department for Education I advised two governments on their contrasting safeguarding, academies and school governance policies.

I believe valuing children as individuals gives them the confidence to achieve. With my experience I can be an effective and passionate voice for school parents.



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### **Parent Governor Candidate – Tom Smith**

#### Personal Statement

Having helped build a leading social enterprise, I now work for one of the world's largest companies managing their engagement with charities and governments on projects that improve the lives of workers in the supply chain.

I have extensive experience in managing non-profit organisations and have also been involved, and been a member of, boards of directors.

I would welcome the opportunity to engage with the board to further improve the experience for all parents and pupils. Through my professional experience and passion for the local community, I believe I could help build the future for this unique federation.



## **Federation of Daubeney, Sebright and Lauriston Primary Schools**

### **Parent Governor Candidate – Svitlana Yarmolchuk**

#### Personal Statement

I believe parents are important stakeholders in ensuring that schools provide a holistic, future-proof education and enable every child to thrive.

I started my career as a teacher and university lecturer, followed by 20 years of work in business development, consulting and general management. I have an MBA degree, project management certification and extensive experience of working on cost reduction, procurement and change management projects in Public Sector. As business manager for Apple Education I worked with Ministries of Education, innovative schools and educationalists.

I will advocate for rich and creative curriculum, better communication, parental engagement and annual Parent Surveys.

