



STANLEY BAY SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Parent Representatives as of June 2019

Tracey Ryan – Chair



Mum of Saoirse (yr3) and Niamh (yr6), I joined the school board at the last by-election and am really enjoying the challenge and engagement with the school community. Since joining the board, I led on behalf of the board the development of the 3-yr Strategic Plan for the school. I am keen to see us focus on and develop a strong 'Stanley Bay' culture based on trust, partnerships and shared vision which brings together the children, parents, wider community and the school to give us a real sense of community and pride.

I am BECA's global Infrastructure Clients and Markets Director with a technical STEM background of 23 years of international professional services experience. I am incredibly passionate about getting more young women to choose STEM careers and I coach and mentor several female emerging leaders in the Infrastructure industry and represent career-level women on the advisory board for NZ Women's Infrastructure Network (WIN). I am also on the Board of Infrastructure NZ and a member of the Institute of Directors.

Communication and community come up regularly as issues the school can continue to improve on. These are something I would like to specifically focus on as part of the implementation of the strategic plan while Saoirse finishes out her time at Stanley Bay.

Josh Wilson



I welcome the opportunity to be part of my children's education and to make a meaningful contribution to the wider community using my experience in educational governance and financial skills. After growing up in Devonport, I returned here with my wife Sophie 8 years ago and we feel very lucky to call it home. We have two boys at school, Tom (yr4) and Hugo (yr2).

For the past five years I have been Treasurer of the Devonport Community Creche. Through this role, I've gained an insight into Ministry of Education governance and funding processes, and the difficulties of balancing a very tight budget while meeting the needs of the community.

My day job is portfolio manager and chief investment officer at Clarity Funds Management. Having worked in finance for nearly 20 years, I'm well-versed in financial statements and budgeting. On the governance side, I often engage with directors at major NZ and Australian companies on strategic and leadership issues.

As a father of three, I understand that all children are different and have individual learning and cultural needs. I would like to see Stanley Bay School as a place that attracts and retains great teachers and where everyone is encouraged and supported to reach their potential.

Matthew Crawford



My wife Charlotte and I have three children in years 2, 4 and 6 at Stanley Bay School. The school was a large factor in us settling in the area, on good advice from friends who live here. We are glad we did. We previously lived in London and then the Cayman Islands, where all the children were born. I now work as a barrister. I am originally from Matamata in the Waikato.

Catherine McNellan



I have two boys at school – Max (yr6) and Roman (yr1) and since moving here I've been blown away by how strong the school community is and what a unique opportunity that gives SBS to raise the bar for its pupils.

I'm a marketing and communications professional with 25 years' experience mainly in the tech sector but what gave me insight and a passion for education was policy implementation working for the UK Department of Education. I led communications for Extended Schools - a national transformation across 23,500 schools aimed at raising achievement. I worked with schools, local authorities, education ministers and Ofsted (UK equivalent of ERO) and as part of the team that developed the National School Improvement Planning Framework.

I worked with Lucy Naylor and Tracey Ryan to develop the School's 3-year Strategic Plan (part of that process was running community consultations for parents and staff) and I'm up for the challenge of delivering this plan for the whole school community and supporting this school to raise achievement for all. I've seen the impact that strong communications and community engagement can make first-hand and aim to add value in this area.

Would you consider supporting the school by joining the Board?



Are you interested in using your skills and experience for the benefit of Stanley Bay School pupils? As a result of only four parents standing at the recent election, there is a casual vacancy on the board of trustees for a further parent representative. The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection and formal notice of this resolution was given in the Flagstaff on 28 June.

The board is required to fill the casual vacancy by 6 September unless by 26 July a total of at least 10% of the people entitled to vote in an election for trustees advises the board, in writing, that they wish the vacancy to be filled by an election. The board welcomes expressions of interest from all parents. If you are interested in the role or would like to find out more, please email the board at bot@stanleybay.school.nz or speak to any of the existing board members by Friday 26 July.