Sarah Gonshaw (Foundation Governor)

Link Role: SEND/Inclusion

Member of the Pay Committee

Originally appointed – December 2019 Current term of office: 31-5-23 to 30-5-26

In her day-to-day life, Sarah works for one of the UK's leading children's mental health charities, where she looks after the most high-profile relationships, leads on key strategic projects, and organises special activities and events. Sitting within the communications team, Sarah is one of a handful of people who help bring to fruition the annual Children's Mental Health Week campaign.

With almost 25 years' experience working in and around child mental health, Sarah brings a wealth of knowledge, insight, and resource to the governing board at King Solomon High School, where she sits as a Foundation Governor. Sarah also holds the SEND link-governor remit, bringing her personal and professional understanding to the role.

Jonathan Bernstein (Co-opted Governor)

Link Role: Finance

Member of the Resources Committee (Chair)

Member of the Pay Committee

Term of office: 24-6-24 to 23-6-28

I'm an experienced professional services business leader, and also been the senior pensions adviser to a variety of large household name clients. I've been Director of a private equity owned consultancy seeing it through floatation on the London stock exchange, Chief Operating Officer of a Plc as well as Chief Actuary and Senior Partner in a global consulting firm.

I am also an Adviser at 'Resource', a charity that helps give people the skills to navigate the job market and find the right role for them.

I've recently become a co-opted Governor, and hope to put my financial and commercial experience to good use in supporting my fellow Governors and the KS finance team.

Katie Rose (Foundation Governor) - Chair of Governors

Link Role: Headteacher's Performance Review Governor. Leadership & Management. Wellbeing.

Member of the Pay Committee

Originally appointed – December 2019 Current Term of office: 31-5-23 to 30-5-26

My name is Katie and I'm a Foundation Governor, and Chair of Governors.

Professionally, my background is in Publishing and business management, and currently I work as a counsellor, running a therapy centre and working with individual adults and young people. I live and work locally, in the heart of the community, and both of my children attended KS (my youngest daughter still does). I'm an active member of a local synagogue and I've been involved in many community activities over a number of years. As a family, we foster teenagers and so over the years, I've encountered many challenging issues, looking after teenagers. In terms of school governance experience, I have been a governor at another school, I've been an active member of the Resources Committee (which oversees school finances), I was Chair of Curriculum Committee, and have previously been Chair of Governors. I regularly attend internal and external training and so I know most aspects of school governance well.

Jason Levy (Foundation Governor) - Vice Chair of Governors

Link Role: Leadership and Management. Headteacher's Performance Review Governor. Pupil Premium.

Member of the Resources Committee

Member of the Pay Committee

Term of office: 9-1-23 to 8-1-26

I work in design, marketing and branding which I have done for over 30 years. I originally joined the governing body as a parent governor when I was elected in November 2021 and became a Foundation Governor and then Vice Chair of Governors in January 2023. I also sit on the Resources Committee. I have one child at the school in KS4. I live locally, and am an active member of the local Jewish community.

David Shalom (Foundation Governor)

Link role: Careers

Member of the Pay Committee

Term of office: 17-6-24 to 16-6-27

I am the Director of David Alexander Removals and Storage, a well-established and trusted removal company with over 20 years of experience.

My eldest daughter has joined KSHS Year 7; it is important for us as a family to be amongst our Jewish community and others who share the same values and ethos.

I am passionate about the school succeeding and want to be more involved to continue to drive the school forward, for the benefit of the current and the future generations of students.

Brian Westbury (Foundation Governor)

Link role: Curriculum, Teaching & Standards

Member of the Resources Committee

Member of the Pay Committee

Term of office: 31-1-23 to 30-1-26

I am a registered dentist working in the legal field supporting dentists. I was previously the academic Dean for the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine, Royal College of Physicians.

I have been a governor at 3 previous schools, including Chair at a Sixth Form College. I also chaired the Audit Committee for 8 years.

My work experience is very much with disciplinary procedures. I live nearby in Loughton. My wife is a former teacher at IJPS and my grandchildren went to Clore Tikva. I believe in lifelong learning and have degrees in Dentistry, psychology and a Masters degree in Law.

Michele Phillips (Headteacher, Ex-officio governor)

Member of the Resources Committee

Member of the Pay Committee

Term of office: from 1-9-23

I am delighted to be the newly appointed Headteacher (since September 2023) of this wonderful and unique secondary school.

Judaism permeates every aspect of school life. Our values of learning (Torah), charity (avodah) and community (gemilut hasadim) are at the core of school life.

As the new headteacher, my vision for the school is that 'we provide students with a world class educational experience and that we are an example of best practice to other schools'. This means that all staff and students are encouraged to be the very best versions of themselves. We are a school that inspires ambition, excellence and high standards in a safe and nurturing environment.

Paul Gillary (Parent Governor)

Link role: Premises, Health & Safety

Member of the Resources Committee

Member of the Pay Committee

Term of office: 5-1-23 to 4-1-27

I'm a Learning Technologist working in Higher Education and the NHS. I develop online medical education by working with medical professionals who are experts in their field. My background started off in psychology and human factors in computer science. This led me nicely into technology enhance learning in and out of the classroom. I've only been a school governor for a year and I'm still learning a lot. I think my knowledge and experience of technology in education is very important in this role and can help with developing the school and school improvement.

I've lived in the local area for 30 years and have enjoyed my time here. I'm a member of the local Jewish community and synagogue. I feel that I know the community quite well and want to do my bit for the community as a school governor.

My two boys are/were students at KSHS.

Robert Teague (co-opted governor)

Link role: Safeguarding Governor (incl. attendance, behaviour & LAC/vulnerable students)

Member of Resources Committee

Member of the Pay Committee

Term of office: 6-12-21 to 5-12-25

Robert has many years of experience working in the public sector, which has given him the skills and experiences needed to carry out the crucial role of Safeguarding Link Governor. Robert has been a Governor at our school since December 2021 and is a local resident.

Laurie Rosenberg (LA Governor)

Link role: Ethos, Jewish Studies and Personal Development.

Member of the Pay Committee

Term of office: 10-4-24 to 9-4-28

Laurie is a Jewish Educator and teacher with a wide and varied professional background both within and beyond the Jewish community in the UK and internationally.

Laurie trained as a teacher and worked in both primary and secondary schools (including leadership roles). He was deputy head of an exclusion unit (PRU) for adolescents in Brighton and Hove where he pioneered an in-school preventative programme.

In 1990 he joined the Board of Deputies of British Jews as Executive Director of Education and represented the Jewish community with various Governmental and non-Governmental think-tanks, leading the team that delivered the Model Syllabuses in RE for SCAA (latterly QCA). Whilst at the Board, Laurie brought together a team of educators from across the community to set up Pikuach and is proud of the way in which it has developed.

Laurie was an Executive member of the RE Council and also wrote a textbook for non-Jewish KS2 children on "The Synagogue". He has wrote, developed and taught a new Jewish Education curriculum at a school in New Zealand.

In 2002, Laurie was appointed Headteacher of Simon Marks Jewish Primary school, leading it from an OFSTED category of "serious weaknesses" to "good and effective", whilst at the same time building the school as a core of community and driving up numbers. Laurie was a founder staff member at JCoSS and taught and led both formal and informal Jewish education, as well as developing a unique Jewish approach to PSHCE – Kvutzah – that is now well established at the school.

Laurie continues to be involved in a number of other initiatives within and beyond the community, including membership of the small team that produced guidance on inspecting spirituality within the 2021 Pikuach Framework, and a freelance educator for Hope not Hate, and is a frequent contributor for Pause for Thought on BBC Radio 2, and has written various articles for the JC and the TES.

Previous Governors

Resigned/left during the academic year 2023/24

Ben Saltman – Started Jan 2019. Re-appointed May 2023. Resigned December 2023 Rabbi Goodwin – Started Sept 2020. Re-appointed May 2023. Resigned March 2024 Naomi Carmel-Brown – Started June 2023. Resigned Jan 2024 Cllr Ruth Clark – Appointed Nov 2023. Resigned December 2023 Daniel Preston – Appointed Nov 22. Resigned May 2024 Elroy Cahil – Appointed April 24. Resigned May 24 Sacha Johnstone – Appointed Feb 2023. Resigned July 2024

Resigned/left during the academic year 2023/24

Jordana Aaronson – Appointed June 2022. Resigned October 2024