

## **Board Candidates – April 2020:**



### **Ann Marie Awori**

#### **Children:**

- Malaika Awori - Gr. 4
- Joan Awori - Gr. 4
- Aisha Awori - Gr. 4

#### **Autobiography Information:**

Profession and employer: Lawyer/NA

#### Education:

- University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign
- Thomas Jefferson Law School, Georgetown Government Affairs Institute

#### Experience relevant to service on the Board of Directors:

I have had the privilege of serving on the ISK's Board for the past three years. In this capacity I have served as the Secretary and Governance Chair for two years and as the Board Chair since July 2019. I have participated in a variety of fiduciary and strategic initiatives during this time, including participating in the CIS/MSA accreditation process, developing the new Strategic Focus Areas, chairing the Director Search Committee, as well as a variety of other policy and government matters. I bring institutional knowledge to the Board when others may be in Kenya for a limited period of time. In my professional life, I have worked for the US federal government both in DC, Chicago and overseas in a variety of policy and legal capacities, but specifically focused on immigration and asylum law.

#### A brief statement explaining what you would bring to the Board of Directors in its strategic fulfillment of the ISK Mission, Vision and Aims.

As part of a Kenyan-American-Uganda family permanently residing in Nairobi, ISK has been part of our family's daily fabric for the past four years. I bring a perspective of understanding good governance practices which dictate the role of the Board that makes us an effective partner to take the school to that next level, particularly as we quickly approach our maximum student capacity and start a new chapter with the next Director in 2021. I am committed to seeing the new Strategic Focus Areas particularly manifest in a way that serves our students by preparing them for their time after ISK.

## **Board Candidates – April 2020:**



### **Bryce Fort**

#### **Children:**

- Connor Fort - Gr. 2
- Kaitlyn Fort - Pre-K

#### **Autobiography Information:**

Profession and employer: Private Equity, Emerging Capital Partners

Education:

- BS Computer Engineering, Lehigh University

Experience relevant to service on the Board of Directors:

- Director, Maarifa Education: Maarifa owns and operates universities in Uganda and Zambia. I was part of the team that founded the company and I have sat on the Board since its inception.
- Director, Java House, ArtCaffe, Wananchi Group (Zuku)
- Alumni Chair, St. Patrick's Day School. I currently serve as the Alumni chair for my elementary school, St. Patrick's in Washington DC.

A brief statement explaining what you would bring to the Board of Directors in its strategic fulfillment of the ISK Mission, Vision and Aims.

I am excited about the opportunity to join the Board and help support the school's success. To do so, I would bring the experience gained from my history of board work with numerous companies in Kenya and with education institutions in East Africa. Over the past 10 years, I have served on the boards of six companies in Kenya, including Java House, ArtCaffe and Zuku. This has afforded me hands-on experience in navigating the opportunities and challenges of building successful institutions in Kenya which I would bring to the ISK board. In addition, I have also served on numerous sub-committees including finance, audit and HR.

I also helped found, and served on the boards of, Maarifa Education, a company that operates universities in Uganda and Zambia. Maarifa's operations have a number of parallels with ISK including; budgeting, administration, facilities management, faculty recruitment/training, student support services, and academic delivery. My board experience at Maarifa has provided exposure to these key areas which, when taken together with the corporate board experience, will enable me to help support ISK's continued development and success.

## **Board Candidates – April 2020:**



### **Alice Gugelev**

#### **Children:**

- Kurt Gugelev-Shapiro – Gr. 9
- Maya Gigelev-Shapiro – Gr. 6

#### **Autobiography Information:**

Profession and employer: CEO Africa – Global Development Incubator

#### Education:

- MBA – Harvard Business School
- Economics & East Asia Students – Columbia University

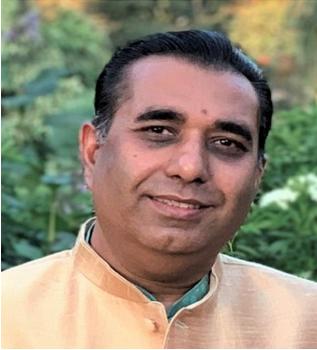
#### Experience relevant to service on the Board of Directors:

- Founder / Director – The Muskoka Foundation – USA 501©3
- Advisory Board Member – Botnar Foundation – Switzerland
- President – DUAL – Alumni Association of Ivy League Colleges – Singapore
- Founder / Director – Global Development Incubator

#### A brief statement explaining what you would bring to the Board of Directors in its strategic fulfillment of the ISK Mission, Vision and Aims.

As a representative of the minority of ISK parents who pay their own school fees, Alice brings a perspective of having real skin in the game, to ensure that ISK is providing best-in-class education and experiences to all students. Having a business consulting background (Bain & Co.) combined with a dedication to youth education & opportunities through her non-profit work. Alice understands how to maximize opportunities for the students, while ensuring that ISK remains commercially successful. Lastly, Alice believes that ISK and Nairobi as a whole are going through a transformation, where ISK should no longer serve as merely a convenient education option for diplomat families who happen to be in Kenya, but rather a best-in-class school (like UWC – Singapore) that attracts families from around the world, based on reputation.

## **Board Candidates – April 2020:**



### **Rajat Suri**

#### **Children:**

- Armaan Suri – Gr. 3
- Mannat Suri – KG

#### **Autobiography Information:**

Profession and employer: Self-Employed

Education:

- MBA

Experience relevant to service on the Board of Directors:

I have been part of the consulting industry, the corporate and hospitality world and real estate business for over 25 years, in Canada, the US and India. I come from a family of academics and teachers. I have served on a variety of corporate boards and oversight boards.

A brief statement explaining what you would bring to the Board of Directors in its strategic fulfillment of the ISK Mission, Vision and Aims.

I would like to support ISK in becoming the premier educational institution in Africa, focused on holistic value-based education and all-round development. I would like to see it consolidate its position as an inclusive center of learning and excellence from elementary level upwards. I believe it must be responsive to the needs and aspirations of its diverse community. ISK alumni must find a place in the best institutions and organizations, I will bring my experience from the private sector and the consulting industry, my collaborative approach and people skills, my analytical thinking and attention to detail, to improve governance, accountability and strategic thinking at ISK.