

It gives me immense pleasure to express my gratitude to the DC community and sense of achievement after completing 6 years on the Board of Governors (BoG). I have served the Board in different capacities as Chair and Vice-Chair of different board committees.

The hard work, passion and heart that every DC staff puts into delivering the best education experience inspired me to join the Board. I enjoyed working with equally passionate voluntary Board colleagues who spend hours focusing on strategic, governance and financial matters where management needs oversight or guidance. As it is a voluntary board, all the decisions are made to make the College more sustainable, efficient and effective without personal interest.

We have staff members on the Board who are the first ones to reach the College, get ready to welcome students and in the evenings attend these meetings. Amongst them, the Principal attends all Board meetings, and the majority of board committee meetings. When I joined the Board, the transition had started with very few existing board

members remaining and a new Principal taking charge of leadership. It was an incredible journey and personally very satisfying, considering what the College has achieved during this period.

Each staff member who has presented to the Board about their work from facility management to curriculum setting/monitoring, has displayed the highest level of commitment to their work. Without prejudice to anyone's contribution, I worked most closely with the Clerk to the Board, she operates at a high level of efficiency and carries out her work with an eye for details. Despite the varied stakeholders such as Board members, staff, contractors and consultants to name a few, she coordinates all the meetings which are supported by follow-ups on all actions agreed in the meetings.

The Principal, his Leadership Team and every staff member worked incredibly hard to deliver the new campus without compromising the high standards of teaching and learning. We must appreciate that the move happened during the challenging time of CoVID with ever changing protocols week by week. Every staff member has family to look after and still they continued to operate above and beyond a normal school's expectations. As a parent, we had instances where we were called to school, noted that the teachers were attending students after school hours for CoVID tests and sometimes they had to come multiple times during the week. This level of dedication gives us assurance that all the students are in safe hands.

I wish the best of luck and success to the whole DC community which includes parents, staff and the Leadership Team - I'm very confident that it will continue to progress and grow.

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