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PARENT CIRCULAR NO 5 OF 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

1. HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

As this day is on a Sunday please note that Monday, 22 March will be a public holiday. Take note that **Group A** will return to school on Tuesday, 23 March.

2. GOVERNING BODY ELECTION

Nominations opened on Monday, 15 March and closes on **Thursday, 18 March at 14:00**. Nominees are requested to visit the school during this time so that a 1-minute video can be recorded, which will then be made available to parents. The video representations of the candidates will be placed on the new website www.fesies.net under the section SGB election and via d6 connect, so that parents can familiarise themselves with the different candidates, as well as the skills they have, and what their vision for the school is.

Parents are welcome to collect nomination forms at the office, during school hours. Please ensure that the nominee, proposer, and seconder appear on the voter roll and that the form is completed and signed in full to avoid disqualification.

It is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** that you come and vote on **Wednesday, 24 March** between **07:00 and 18:00** as the counting of votes may only continue if at least 15% of the voters voted for the voter roll.



We want to encourage you, as a parent, to have your vote counted in the upcoming SGB election. If we reach a quorum of 15% of voters, that is, a minimum of 305 parents who come to vote, the Governing Body has given permission for the school to adjourn at 12:00 on 1 April for the start of the Easter weekend.

To avoid any uncertainty, an excerpt of the most important information surrounding the election is posted here again:

Who can vote?

A parent, guardian or person who fulfils the role of a parent of a child enrolled in our school and appears on the school's enrolment register. You are welcome to check your detail between 14 to 7 days before the elections to see whether your name appears on the voters list.

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What do I need to bring with me if I want to vote?

A driver's licence or ID.

How many members of a family may vote?

Only two people per family, whose names appear on the voters roll, will each receive a ballot to vote.

May a parent with a proxy form vote on behalf of another?

No

Who may be nominated?

Any parent/guardian of our school whose name appears on the voters roll. Furthermore, a parent who is employed by the school as a teacher or non-teaching staff member may also be nominated. Nominations will close 3 days before the election.

Who may not be nominated for the Governing Body vote?

A parent of the school to whom a sentence has been inflicted on for 12 months or longer for a criminal offence without the option of a fine, a person who is mentally ill, who is drug dependant or a person who is rehabilitated insolvent person.

Who may nominate?

Parents may nominate each other.

What is the term of service for a SGB electee?

Three years, thus the person must preferably still be a parent in the school in the following two years.

Are SGB members compensated financially for their work?

No

The schools Governing Body consists of how many members (SGB)?

The Governing Body will consist of:

6 parent members (parents vote for them).

3 educator members (educators vote for them).

1 non - teaching staff - a person, other than an educator, who is employed at the school. School principal. (ex. officio).

What are the duties of the Governing Body?

Governance of the school by formulating policies, managing the finances, and representing the various interest groups. Meetings of the Governing Body must be attended once a month. Support the principal, educators, and other staff in carrying out their professional functions. The daily management of the school is the responsibility of the Principal and the school management team.

Why can a nomination form be rejected by an election officer?

The nomination form is not signed by the proposer, seconder, and candidate. The proposer, seconder, and candidate do not appear on the school's voters roll of eligible parents. The completed nomination form is not submitted during the specified time.

The responsibilities of you as a parent:

Take note of the process.

Identify a suitable candidate.

BE PRESENT AT THE ELECTION.

Vote for the best candidate.

3. PARTIAL OR FULL EXEMPTION FROM SCHOOL FEES (GRADE 1 - 7)

Parents whose combined **GROSS** income is less than R260 000 per year may apply. However, you must personally collect the application form from Mrs Prinsloo in the office. Please take note that the applications must be completed by **31 March 2021**.

4. DONATIONS

Over the past week, the school has received a number of donations, including large quantities of stationery, meat, shoes as well as cash donations. The positive attitude and generous donations enable us to help learners in need. On behalf of the learners and staff involved in the projects, we would like to thank each and every one who donated!

5. LEADERS

Congratulations to the following Grade 7 learners who have been elected as Leaders at our school:

Khomotso Motlhaolwa
Kate-Lynn Grobler
Oratile Mogodiseng
Ethin Smit
Mooketsi Ndlovu
Paul Ackerman
Narina Bos



We trust that they will be true ambassadors for the school and further develop their leadership qualities through the opportunity it offers them.

6. FAREWELL

The current 3-year term of the Governing Body will end once the election has been successfully completed and the handover between the old and new Governing Body has taken place.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the members who worked together to make Laerskool Voortrekker Eeufees a better school for its learners, staff, and parents. We learned a lot from and about each other.

Meetings were constructive and mutual respect made it possible to make decisions as there is a common vision and mission between the members.

We wish the following members well on their journey ahead:

Dr Geoffrey Tshephe (Chairman)
Mnr Shadrack Mabaso (Vice Chairperson)
Me Elsie Letsoalo (Treasurer)
Me Patricia Mutshembele (Parent)
Mnr Jackson Mashoene (Parent)
Me S Jacobsz (Parent)
Mnr Sam Mahlangu (Non-Educator)
Mnr Deon Labuschagne (Educator)
Me Sandra Kassimatis (Educator)
Me Marike Mathews (Educator)
Me Trudie Henderson (Grd R representative)

Fesie greetings

Handwritten signature of Mr. J. G. Claassen.

MR. J. G. CLAASSEN
PRINCIPAL

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