



**RHENISH GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY ELECTIONS**  
**FEBRUARY 2026**  
**PARENT CANDIDATES (5 nominees, 2 required)**

**FRANCOIS BLOM**

**I have a daughter/s in the following grade/s:**

Grade 9

**Profession and qualifications:**

I am a parent at the school and the head of a specialist consulting firm focused on the technical and professional development of future Chartered Accountants. I am a Chartered Accountant (SA) myself and hold an MBA and an MCom in Finance.



**Skills and knowledge to contribute to the Governing Body:**

I am a hands-on problem solver who enjoys adding value through improved efficiencies, sustainable revenue models, and transparent, accountable leadership.

My commitment to education is deeply personal. I grew up in Johannesburg in an under-resourced schooling environment where opportunities were limited and academic achievement was rare. In my matric year, our entire grade produced only a handful of distinctions, and only five learners went on to university. I was fortunate to gain entry to study Accounting, but I had to work incredibly hard to make up for the educational gaps I carried with me.

**for wanting to serve on the School Governing Body:**

Supportive lecturers and the transformative power of education changed my life in every possible way. Because of that experience, I have a deep appreciation for what a school like Rhenish can offer – not only in academic excellence, but in the ability to shape and change lives for generations to come. I believe the school's continued success depends on long-term sustainability and responsible governance. With extensive experience in capital budgeting, strategic planning, and alternative revenue approaches, I hope to contribute meaningfully to the school's ambitions, including future growth and major capital development.

**Have you been involved in our, or a previous, school before?**

While I have not previously served on a school SGB, I have over 10 years' experience as a company director and have conducted a number of corporate governance assessments to strengthen objective decision-making, address skills gaps, and support King IV-aligned governance practices.

## **CARLO CAROLISSEN**

**I have a daughter/s in the following grade/s:**  
Grade 9



### **Profession and qualifications:**

I have more than 23 years' experience as a practicing Advocate at the Cape Bar. I was also an Acting Judge of the Western Cape High Court and my professional expertise and knowledge align closely with the responsibilities to be appointed on your school governing body.

### **Skills and knowledge to contribute to the Governing Body:**

I have a strong focus on commercial litigation, contract law, property law, constitutional law, administrative law, insurance, evictions and labour disputes. Based upon my experience in legal practice, my experience which I would bring to the board relates both to the overall management of legal risk and mitigating against it and then in addition responding quickly and effectively to the issues that arise. As such I'm well positioned to assist the school on any legal issues that it is likely to confront.

### **Reasons for wanting to serve on the Governing Body:**

Rhenish is an exceptional school with a great parent community and has an excellent teacher community. Together with my legal expertise and skills in legal and risk management I will focus on communication in the strategic direction of the school, prioritizing continued push for school excellence and solid governance. I am a hard worker and am willing to give my time and resources for the betterment of the school. I am passionate about fairness, transparency and getting everyone on the same page.

### **Have you been involved in our, or a previous, school before?**

I have never been involved in this school or any other school's SGB. My involvement in schools and SGB is only with respect to legal issues.

If elected, I will work closely with parents, staff and leadership to keep the school environment positive, supportive and focused on what matters most, the learners. Thank you for considering my candidacy. I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the Rhenish School Governing Body.

## **ANDREW CLAYTON**

**I have a daughter/s in the following grade/s:**

Grade 8 and 10

**Profession and qualifications:**

I am a Chartered Accountant and Certified Financial Planner with my own business and so can commit my time over the next 5 years.



**Skills and knowledge to contribute to the Governing Body:**

Having sat on many school boards and trusts (see below), I have extensive experience in school governance, specifically in the area of fundraising and an understanding of structures to unlock potential fundraising opportunities with a view to long term sustainability.

**Reasons for wanting to serve on the Governing Body:**

The age old saying, “you get out what you put in” along with the fact I want the high standards we enjoy from Rhenish to continue for both my girls and to continue long into their days as ‘old girls’; would be my motivating reason. I know from my days of boarding, that I benefitted from the hours both my parents put into the school and I would want the same for my daughters, and consequently the daughters of all current and future Rhenish parents.

**Have you been involved in our, or a previous, school before?**

I served on my old high schools SGB (Maritzburg College) whilst I served a three-year term as President of the Old Boys Association (2021-2024). I also sat on the Old Boys Memorial Trust as a Trustee and a member of the Investment Committee, and then as a Director for the College Foundation for 9 years. I have extensive workings in fund raising and structures to manage the process and was instrumental in unlocking the old boy community abroad.

## **ANDRÉ JOHANN MARÉ**

**I have a daughter/s in the following grade/s:**

Grade 9

### **Profession and qualifications:**

#### Education

University of Pretoria, LLB (2008)

South African Institute of Intellectual Property Law,  
Qualified Trade Mark Practitioner (2009)

Management Development Programme, Gordon Institute  
of Business Science (2015)

#### Affiliations and accolades

Attorney of the High Court, South Africa; Fellow, South African Institute of Intellectual Property Law; Member, International Trademark Association; Board Member, Licensing Executives Society South Africa (High Technology Stream); World Trademark Review 1000 (Transactions); Intellectual Asset Management 1000 (Transactions); Intellectual Property Stars (Commercial IP); Best Lawyers

#### Professional experience

##### Current Role

Von Seidels IP Attorneys, Partner, Head of Commercial and Transactional Intellectual Property, Head of Trade Marks

##### Previous Roles

ENSAfrica, Executive; Aspen Pharmacare Holdings Limited, Lead Legal Counsel; Bowmans, Associate



### **Skills and knowledge to contribute to the Governing Body:**

I can contribute to the SGB through legal knowledge and skill, which includes: advising on the school's statutory obligations, interpretation and management of contracts, policy drafting and review, compliance oversight, staff relations, risk management and dispute resolution (including discipline). I have well developed communication skills, and significant experience in relationship and reputational management.

### **Reasons for wanting to serve on the Governing Body:**

I want to serve on the SGB because I believe my professional skills can make a meaningful impact. I bring expertise in governance, compliance and strategic decision-making, and I believe this is where my skillset can add the most value to Rhenish. I am committed to safeguarding the rights of learners and supporting staff relations with integrity. Above all, I want to contribute constructively to Rhenish's growth and success.

### **Have you been involved in our, or a previous, school before?**

No direct involvement SGB previously. Previous schools attended by my children operated under a different model and this is my first opportunity to stand in an election for SGB.

## **WERNER TRUTER**

### **I have a daughter/s in the following grade/s:**

Grade 8 and another daughter coming into grade 8 in 2027

### **Profession and qualifications:**

I am a Management Consultant. I have a Bachelors' Degree in Industrial Engineering, and a Masters in Business Administration.



### **Skills and knowledge to contribute to the Governing Body:**

I have significant management, business and education experience; advising executive management teams. I believe I can strongly contribute to the school and the governing body during a time of transition and strategic preparation for future challenges. I have raised three children, and I am looking forward to serving the community and Rhenish family.

### **Reasons for wanting to serve on the Governing Body:**

I believe a parent should be committed and involved with the school their children attend. I have fallen love with the school. After discussions with the Principal, Chairperson of the SGB and other members of the SGB, specifically to understand the need and commitment, I have decided to make myself available. I believe the SGB is the most appropriate area for me to get involved, given my specific skills set.

### **Have you been involved in our school before?**

I have not been involved in a school governing body before.