Dear International School Parent:

Welcome to a great opportunity to join us on an exciting journey to provide the community of Tucson with a truly International School. As chair of the current Board of Trustees I want to thank you for taking the time to consider your service and the concurrent responsibilities.

The board feels that parents can be very effective board members. The board composition allows for a specific number of positions on the board to be filled from the parent community. One position is reserved for a representative from our surrounding neighborhood. Other positions are designated for community/business positions. We seek a balanced board and have a limited number of openings. Parents know the “pulse” of the school on an intimate level and many parents have specific expertise which would be of benefit to the Board.

However, as a parent, your role would be very challenging. You would be serving as the representative of the entire school and as such would be expected to not only adhere to the same conflict of interest and confidentiality as the other trustees, but be able to step out of your parental role and assume a holistic approach to the issues and decisions facing the IST Board of Trustees.

We realize there are many ways parents serve the school; as fundraisers, donors, committee members, as volunteers and of course as exceptional parents. And we know that these endeavors, especially “exceptional parenting” are very time consuming--and you must prioritize your obligations. The challenges of serving as a trustee are great but the reward of helping to create an exceptional learning experience for children is even greater.

As you consider this possibility we invite you to investigate your school website, www.istucson.org. Therein you will find an application, by-laws, procedures and policies currently in place by our trustees under the “governance” tab. There are also sample forms which require your signature in order to serve on the Board.

If you are interested in serving as a trustee, you may mail your application to the school, Attn: Board of Trustees. You may also fill in the form on our web-site which will be routed to our membership chair membership@tucsonis.org. Additionally, you may know a community member who has exceptional experience or talent this board should consider. You may wish to speak with that individual and encourage him/her to apply. Thank you for considering a Board of Trustee position with International School of Tucson - your school, Tucson's international school.

Chairman
Tucson International School Board of Trustees