



Moss Hall Schools Federation Governing Board

Governor Profiles 24-25

<p>Mo Choonara – Co-chair of Governors Co-opted Governor:</p> <p>Mo is a Co-opted Governor, is co-chair and was appointed in 2021. Born and raised in North London, he now works as a policy adviser at the Department for Education on issues including racism in schools, political impartiality and Relationships & Sex education. He is invested in supporting the schools thrive and improve, and learning more about the challenges and opportunities staff, pupils, parents and carers see.</p>	 A color portrait of Mo Choonara, a man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a light blue button-down shirt, standing in front of a textured wall.
<p>David Dunn – Co-chair of Governors Co-opted Governor:</p> <p>David is a co-opted school governor and has been on the Board since December 2020. He is chair of the PFR committee. He is a Chartered Management Accountant and has lived in Barnet for nearly 20 years. Although this is his first role as a school governor, he is passionate about giving back to his community. He is looking forward to being able to contribute to the growth and success of Moss Hall.</p>	 A black and white portrait of David Dunn, a man with short hair, wearing a dark suit jacket, white shirt, and tie.
<p>Kirit Amin Co-opted Governor:</p> <p>Kirit is a co-opted governor on the Federation board, appointed in late 2021. He was parent governor at The Henrietta Barnett School and a Trustee with Homestart Barnet. He is previously a parent governor at The Henrietta Barnett School and a Trustee with Homestart Barnet. He is currently on the Premises, Finance and Resources Committee.</p> <p>Kirit is semi-retired now. His background is in project, programme and change management working for large organisations. He currently helps to run a property management business and does voluntary work (governor, trustee, foodbank, vaccinator and responder with St John Ambulance). He is happy to help the Moss Hall Schools Federation to realise its potential</p>	
<p>Jing Wei (Jing) Luo Co-opted Governor</p> <p>Jing was appointed as a co-opted governor in 2022. Born and raised in North London, he has strong links to the local area, including having played in various Saturday morning orchestras at Moss Hall and attending Queen Elizabeth's School for boys. Jing is a City-based corporate lawyer, specialising in venture capital and emerging companies, and previously worked as an in-house lawyer at a global digital health company for over 4 years. He is passionate about changing the world and building a better future for all, and is excited by there being no better opportunity to do so than to work directly with Moss Hall and its pupils.</p>	
<p>Kanisha Thomas Co-opted Governor</p> <p>Kanisha was appointed as a co-opted governor in 2023. She is currently Head of History and Religious Studies in a Barnet Secondary school. With over ten years working in education, Kanisha has seen first-hand the power of education to break down disadvantages and change lives for the better. Kanisha sits on the Curriculum, Pupils and Achievement Committee, and is the link governor for Pupil Premium.</p>	

Aaron Barrie
Co-opted Governor

Aaron is a co-opted governor, having been appointed in 2023. He grew up in Finchley, and now works in management consulting. As one of the younger governors on the board, Aaron is hoping to bring a different perspective to discussions. He is passionate about social mobility, and has spent lots of time volunteering in schools and mentoring young people through the university admissions process. Aaron sits on the Premises, Finance and Resources Committee, and is the link governor for SEND.

Melissa McMahon
Co-opted Governor

Melissa is a Strategy, Policy and Governance Leader with extensive civil service experience and a seasoned career across policy and strategy within both the private and public sectors. She has over 16 years' experience securing policy change and informing practice; developing and implementing strategy, policy and governance in the financial services, third sector and public health fields. She is looking forward to bringing her experience to contribute to the continued transformation of Moss Hall.

Matt Sal (ne Stavrou)
Elected by the Local Authority

Matt is sustainability specialist working across the fields of environmental and social sustainability, and supporting governance. He has worked with both local authorities and schools; believing education to be one of the few true silver bullets available to society. Having lived in Barnet his whole life, Matt has an understanding of the nuances of the local area, its communities, and its context within London.

Seema Siddiqui
Parent Governor

Seema is an International development worker with experience in programme design, development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation in India and the United Kingdom. Her main areas of experience are; addressing issues of gender based violence, mainstreaming gender into development programmes, disaster preparedness, response and recovery and production in theatre and television. She is a parent to 2 children who are or have been pupils at our schools. She is an active trustee and member of the Moss Hall Schools Association.

Risha Shah
Parent Governor

Risha has a decade of experience in corporate communication. She currently works for a large media and telecommunications company where she is exercising her skills in engagement and communication by leading the launch of an internal social networking platform for 16,000 employees. She has lived in Finchley for most of her life and is passionate about contributing to the continued success of Moss Hall. She was elected as a Parent Governor, in December 2024, and has two children in the Moss Hall community.

Lauren DeMarco
Co-opted Governor

Lauren is a lawyer with over 15 years experience, currently leading a legal team within an international media company where she advises on a range of commercial and regulatory matters across EMEA and Asia. She is invested in the continued success of the schools and looks forward to contributing to this as part of the governing board. Lauren was elected as co-opted governor in December 2024 and also has 2 children educated within the Moss Hall Schools Community.

Carl Peterson
Co-staff governor

Mr Peterson shares the staff governor role with Ms Glenn. He is a senior leader across the Moss Hall Schools Federation.

Sophie Glenn
Co-staff governor

Ms Glenn shares the staff governor role with Mr Peterson. He is a senior leader across the Moss Hall Schools Federation.