

LANCE HOLT SCHOOL



PICTURED LEFT: COUNCIL MEMBERS AT BRIEFING THE BOARD
 PICTURED ABOVE: COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF AT A STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

2021 Lance Holt School Council

Lance Holt School is an incorporated, not-for-profit educational institution with its own constitution. All of us—parents and teachers—are members of the Lance Holt School Association, which is governed by the School Council.

The council comprises seven parent representatives, one staff member (Non-voting), the Coordinator (ex-officio) and up to four co-opted members. Councillors are elected at the school’s annual general meeting (AGM). At the AGM reports from the Chair of

Council, the Coordinator and Treasurer are tabled as well as the school’s Financial Statements. All members of the Lance Holt School Association can attend the meeting and nominate for council. Council Meetings are held monthly.





LEE JONES - CHAIR

Lee has been involved with LHS since her eldest child started Kindy in 2009. With her youngest child starting Pre-Kindy in 2015, Lee combines experience as a LHS parent with commitment to the school's future. After growing up in Fremantle and gaining a BA (Hons) from UWA, she went travelling and lived in the UK where she met her partner. Seasonal work in youth hostels led Lee to be recruited to assist in establishing a centralized booking service for YHA (England and Wales), matching a wide range of individuals and groups to an equally varied range of hostels and packages. Returning to Perth in 2000, Lee then worked for GESB in Policy and Strategy roles encompassing market and product research, analysis, strategy and product development, training and communication. Lee has a history of community involvement and was instrumental in establishing the LHS Sustainability Committee in 2015.



PETE ADAMS- DEPUTY CHAIR

Pete has two children attending the school and is looking forward to making a contribution at the governance level including implementing the school's Strategic Plan. In his day job, Pete is a Director of a property development group and believes in a design-led development process that is committed to sustainable building practices. Pete is a Civil Engineer with a Masters in Property Development as well as experience in financial management. Pete contributes to the team as the School Council's Deputy Chair.



BEN CANNINGTON- TREASURER

Ben grew up in a farming family in rural NSW and strongly believes this had a major influence on who he is today. Ben had plenty of time to explore, pull things apart and enjoy creative play. Out of 3 boys on a small farm, one ended up a farmer, one a banker, and Ben – a sort of financial/operations guy!

"My (soon to be) wife, Tempe, and I arrived in Perth on what was seen as a temporary basis in October 2001. One wedding, 3 beautiful kids and 20 years later it appears unlikely we will be moving onwards. I completed a farm business management course at Marcus Oldham in Geelong and followed up this with a MBA at the Curtin Graduate School of business. I love our school for what it develops in our children – a unique sense of self, a respect for others and our environment both of which I believe will strongly underpin their core values from which they can lead their lives by. My contribution to the school as Treasurer is to overview the month to month financial management, review the annual budget and test the financial integrity of the long term strategy of the school." Said Ben.



KARL FRANZEN - SECRETARY

Karl has strong ties to Lance Holt School, with two children attending the school. Like most parents at the school, Karl wishes he could have attended LHS as a child but is happy to settle for being a school council member and be an active part of the community. Having the chance to help shape and guide the future of such an amazing and unique learning environment is the main reason Karl nominated to be part of the council. He brings experience as a project manager and previously a journalist to the School Council and is proud to be able to contribute to such a special place and community.



SARAH WILLIAMSON - MEMBER

Sarah is an qualified nurse and nurse educator with skills in project management and policy development. Sarah is also enthusiastic about fundraising and event planning. Sarah's two daughters attend Lance Holt School and her young son will join them soon.



STEFANIA GIAMMINUTI - MEMBER

Stefania is a Lance Holt School parent and returning member of the Lance Holt School Council. She is also a member of the Council for Childhood and the City, Scuola Pablo Neruda, Reggio Emilia (Italy). Stefania brings to her role as Councillor practical expertise and theoretical knowledge in the field of education. Her engagement with the early childhood field internationally spans over 15 years: previously an early childhood teacher in an International School in Rome (Italy), Stefania is currently a Lecturer in Early Childhood Education, Curtin University (Perth, WA). Stefania was awarded her PhD with Distinction at The University of Western Australia in 2010. She is the recipient of the 2010 Early Career Award of the Western Australian Institute for Educational Research and a recipient of the Early Childhood Australia Doctoral Thesis Award for 2010. As Creswick Foundation Fellow for 2006, Stefania spent six months engaging in PhD research in the world-renowned municipal infant-toddler centres and schools of the city of Reggio Emilia, Italy. She maintains ongoing research collaborations and strong reciprocal relationships with educators, atelieriste, pedagiste, and other key protagonists in Reggio Emilia, and nurtures lively dialogue and engagement with educators and scholars internationally. Stefania is the author of the eminently acclaimed book *Dancing with Reggio Emilia: Metaphors for Quality*, published in 2013 by Pademelon Press and recipient of the Curtin University Humanities Research Book of the Year Award 2014 (Early Career). She is in high demand as a public speaker internationally.

KATHRYN NETHERWOOD - COORDINATOR

(EX OFFICIO)



Kathryn began her current position as Coordinator in 2000. Kathryn holds a Master in Educational Leadership from UWA and a postgraduate qualification in Positive Education. Maintaining a strong school community – with committed and innovative teachers, involved parents and enthusiastic children – is a high priority for Kathryn in her role as coordinator. She has a strong and long-term commitment to Lance Holt School. Kathryn served as a board member of the John Curtin College of the Arts between 2007 and 2014, she is currently a member of the Educational Committee with the Association of Independent Schools of WA and the Chair of the WA Chapter of Positive Education Schools Association.

JULIET LEWER - STAFF REPRESENTATIVE



Juliet commenced her teaching career in 2008 at Lance Holt School in Fremantle, where she is currently Kindergarten Teacher and Deputy Coordinator. Juliet is a passionate early years educator who believes teaching is a partnership between home and school and who values strong relationships with families in her classroom. Juliet regularly partakes in action research and uses research to inform her teaching and learning program. Juliet's work has been featured extensively in the publication "Early Years Learning Framework in Action" and she has presented locally on young children's literacy. Juliet takes inspiration from the principles of the early childhood schools of Reggio Emilia in Italy, constructivist approaches to learning and believes in the importance of viewing children as strong, curious and capable. Juliet believes that children learn by doing, and practices and advocates for a play based pedagogy in the early years that recognises that play and playful learning are the natural and most effective learning style for young children. Juliet joined the School Council in 2013.

CHRISSE SMYTH - MINUTES SECRETARY



Chrissy is the School Registrar and has held this position since 2013. She is the minutes secretary and assists the Chair and School Coordinator with the preparation of Council meetings and Council business.

MEMBERS ROLE ON COUNCIL

The councillors' role is to promote the policies of the School Council and enhance positive communication: to help keep parents informed of the school's decisions and to keep the council informed of any issues raised by parents. Council members work together for the benefit of the whole school. Councillors may also offer particular expertise, ranging from experience in meeting procedure, submission writing, financial or legal management, fundraising, building and communication. Someone might bring a fantastic sense of humour and good interpersonal skills or a desire to support the organisation and the time and energy to assist. Parents choose to nominate for council for a variety of reasons, but most agree that it's another level of commitment to the school. AISWA (the Association of Independent Schools of WA) provides assistance to individuals on the school council through their annual Briefing the Board Conference as well as advice on matters such as: governance, employment and legal.