

The British School Muscat – Board of Governors: Introduction and Structure.

Background

The school was originally set up in 1971 as the Muscat English Speaking School to meet the needs of the British community and the very few British children resident in Oman for whom there was no education available.

From this early start the school grew in step with the development of Oman until in 1973 H.M. Qaboos Bin Said, Sultan of Oman, graciously granted a Royal Charter to the School. The Royal Charter has provided the School with a clear remit ever since.

The Charter directs that the School be governed by representatives of the Subscriber companies who were instrumental in forming the School. These Subscriber (Founder) companies cover a broad cross section of economic activity within Oman.

Board Composition

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM), open to all current Subscriber companies, representatives are elected to existing vacancies.

The Board meeting, which follows on from the AGM, appoints the offices of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Clerk to the Board of Governors (normally the Bursar).

The following Subscribing companies are currently represented on the Board of Governors:

- Enhance
- Standard Chartered Bank
- HSBC
- PDO
- Shell
- Carillion Alawi
- Trowers and Hamlins

In addition there are:

Two Parent Governors who are elected by the parent body.

Two Staff Representatives who are elected by the teaching staff.

The Principal and Bursar are also in attendance at Board of Governor meetings to provide information and recommendations on future activities.

The Board of Governors have created a set of Committees with specific Terms of reference to assist the School deliver its Vision, to monitor performance, providing financial, other appropriate governance and advice.

Finally the School is honoured to have the British Ambassador as its President. Normally his representative will attend Board meetings throughout the year on his behalf.