Announcement from the Board of Trustees on September 12, 2019:

Dear St. Anne’s School of Annapolis Families,

I hope your first full week back to school has been smooth. I’m writing to welcome you to the 2019-20 school year on behalf of the Board of Trustees, as well as provide you with an important update on our Head of School Search. Thanks in advance for reading to the end and for staying involved in this critically important process.

We are in the midst of a nationwide search for our next Head of School, a process being led by the Head of School Search Committee and the consulting firm, Acies Strategies, under the direction of Dr. Brooke Carroll.

The Head of School Search Committee is a sub-committee of our Board that is chaired by Kate Dent (Vice Chair of the Board and MS parent). The various members of the Search Committee each provide a distinct set of skills, backgrounds, and perspectives to bring to the search process. In addition to myself (a current MS and alumni parent), other members include Hutchey Doley (founder, former administrator, and alumni parent), Brent Littlefield (LS parent), Mollie MacKenzie (LS parent), Tia McNair (MS parent), and Jerry South (PYC, LS, and MS parent).

I’m happy to report that in the first week the position was posted, we received 17 expressions of interest from throughout the country! The position remains open through October 15, but you’ll see things happening in the next few weeks as applications are received.

We’re following best practices throughout this search to ensure a thorough, transparent, and inclusive process. Part of this process involves listening sessions with teachers, staff, and parents to capture feedback about the type of leader that is expected and needed. This helps shape our interviews, as well as develop the criteria upon which we evaluate our candidates.

Please attend one of our two upcoming parent listening sessions at the school led by Dr. Carroll:

- Wednesday, September 18, 8–9 a.m.
- Thursday, September 26, 2–3 p.m.

If you cannot attend in person, you may call in during either of these times to 605-313-4802, access code 841117. We’ll also follow up with a written survey you can fill out if you’re unable to participate during one of these times.

Whichever way you participate in this process, please be involved. Your voice is critical and is best served coming into the process through these channels. Don’t assume a separate conversation you had with someone about this is the same as participating in this process.

While the Head of School Search Committee is ultimately responsible for vetting and recommending the next Head of School to the Board of Trustees, there’s another group that helps inform the Search Committee’s decision making—the Head of School Search Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee is a group comprised of stakeholders including faculty and staff, parents, alumni, and alumni parents, among others. This group is being assembled in the coming weeks, as well.

Throughout the fall the vetting process takes place. And, all of this work culminates in the announcement of our new Head of School in the New Year. It’s an exciting time!

We’re also mindful of the many ways we must thank and honor Lisa Nagel as she winds down her many years of service with us. We’re grateful that her leadership has brought us to this point, where our reputation is helping us draw a robust pool of candidates from throughout the country.

Enjoy this day,

Kristy Myers
Chair, Board of Trustees
St. Anne’s School of Annapolis