

The search for a new Head of St. Peter's School has begun.

The input of all interested members of the SPS community will be a valuable part of the search process. See below for information regarding the search process and the opportunities to provide information and feedback as it moves forward.

How will the Search work?

The responsibility of selecting the Head of School rests with the Board of Trustees. The Board has formed a Search Committee to run the search process. The Search Committee will work with a search consultant to identify a shortlist of candidates.

Once selected, the shortlisted candidates will visit St. Peter's in the Fall of 2017, where they will be interviewed by an Advisory Committee, and have an opportunity to meet students, faculty, parents and members of the wider School community. During this process, members of the SPS community will be encouraged to share their views regarding the strengths, opportunities and values of SPS, and the qualities they wish to see in the new Head of School. The Board of Trustees will then select the new Head.

Who is on the Search Committee?

Board Chair Tom Suddath has asked Trustees James Lavino and Mary Sales to Co-Chair the Search Committee, which is comprised of the Board of Trustees, plus Fred Edelstein (alumni parent, former Trustee, current chair of the School's Committee on Trustees).

Search Committee Members

James Lavino (co-chair, '87, P '19, '21)

Mary Sales (co-chair, P '13, '20, '20)

Sean Cusack (P '19, '22)

Bill Donato (P '18, '21)

Fred Edelstein

Chris McDonnell (P '17, '20)

Jane Napoli (P '20, '24)

Laura Rosa (P '16, '19, '24)

Tom Suddath (P '22, '24)

Who will be on the Advisory Committee?

The Advisory Committee, which will be selected by the Search Committee, will consist of approximately 10 members of various constituencies of the SPS community, including faculty, parents and alumni. The Advisory Committee will interview candidates and provide valuable input to the Search Committee during the process.

What do the Search and Advisory Committees do?

The Search Committee runs the search process. The initial step will be to engage a professional search firm to assist in the search, including advertising the position, reviewing CVs of applicants and selecting semifinalist candidates to be interviewed by the Search Committee. The finalist candidates (typically 2-3) will be invited SPS to meet the community in the Fall of 2017 and be interviewed by the Advisory Committee, which will provide feedback to the Search Committee. The Search Committee will recommend a candidate for approval by the Board of Trustees. Once a choice has been made, the Search Committee will facilitate a smooth transition between Shawn Kelly and the new Head of School. The new Head of School will start by July 1, 2018.

How can the SPS community participate?

This summer, the Search Committee will circulate an anonymous online survey to the SPS community to solicit feedback regarding the strengths, values, opportunities and challenges of SPS, and the important qualities you wish to see in the new Head of School. In the fall, members of the community will have an opportunity to meet with the search consultant at SPS. Lastly, the community will have a chance to meet with the finalist candidates once they have been selected. Additionally, at any time during this process you may provide comments by email to the Search Committee Co-Chairs at headsearch@st-peters-school.org.