



## Meet th Search Committee

Mark Rosenbaum, Chair of the Village School Board of Trustees, in consultation with search firm Carney Sandoe & Associates, has selected the members of the Search Committee for Village's next Head of School. As previously mentioned, Mary Genow and Suzanne Ginestro, Village School trustees, have agreed to co-chair the committee. They will be joined by six additional committee members who represent various constituencies of the school community including trustees, parents, parents of alumni, and faculty. In addition to the co-chairs, the Head of School Search Committee members include Kenzo Bergeron, Jennifer Heenan, Shea Morris, Jeffrey Richardson, Mark Rosenbaum and Lisa Pierson Weinberger. Brief bios of the committee members are below.



### **Kenzo Bergeron**

Dr. Bergeron recently joined the Village School faculty in the fall of 2017 after teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Willows and life-skills at Crossroads for several years. His experience brings a fresh perspective to Village School and the search committee. Kenzo was a lead 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher his first year and is currently Village School's lead math specialist teacher and an integral member of the school's STEAM program. Kenzo earned his bachelor's degree from University of California, Santa Barbara and his master's degree in negotiation and conflict resolution from Cal State University, Dominguez Hills. Most recently, in 2016, he completed his doctoral studies in educational leadership for social justice from Loyola Marymount University's School of Education.



### **Mary Genow**

Mary Genow joined the Board of Trustees in 2014. She currently serves as chair of the Legal Committee, co-chair of the Committee on Trustees and is a member of the board's Executive Committee. She has also served on the Facilities Committee, Strategic Planning Committee and co-chaired Children for Community Service for several years.

Mary has over twenty years of legal and investigative experience and currently serves on the Los Angeles Archdiocese's Clergy Misconduct Oversight Board and is a consultant specializing in cyber, investigations and business intelligence. She led Stroz Friedberg L.A.'s corporate investigation's practice for the past several years. She has served as an Assistant United States Attorney, a white-collar criminal litigator at Jones Day, and a national correspondent for ABC News. She earned a B.A., magna cum laude, from Boston College and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.

Mary and her husband Rick are parents of former Village student Gisele, who is currently a 7th grader at Marlborough.



**Suzanne Ginestro**

Suzanne Ginestro became a trustee in 2015 and has been instrumental in leading the school's marketing, branding and communication efforts as chair of the Marketing Committee for the past four years. She also serves on the board's Committee on Trustees. Prior to joining the board, Suzanne was a 3rd grade room parent, and brought her marketing expertise into the classroom to lead a "shark tank" exercise with the students.

Suzanne is the Chief Marketing Officer for Quest Nutrition, a high growth packaged goods food brand. Prior to joining Quest, Suzanne was the Chief Marketing Officer for Campbell Fresh and previously held marketing leadership roles for brands such as Bolthouse Farms, Pinkberry, Red Bull, Dreyer's Ice Cream and Kraft Foods. Suzanne earned her undergraduate degree from Northwestern University and her M.B.A. from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern.

Suzanne and her husband Michael live in the Palisades and are proud parents of two children, Sydney, a recent Village graduate and currently a 7th grader at Windward, and Jake, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader at Village.



**Jennifer Heenan**

Jennifer Heenan became a trustee in 2018. Her dedication to Village School has been ongoing since she became a Village School parent in 2010. She has served on the school's Strategic Planning Committee, Marketing Committee and is currently serving on the school's Finance Committee. She has also been a room mom, active in the VSPA and served on its Executive Committee for two years.

Jennifer is a consultant in the Healthcare Services Practice for Spencer Stuart, a global executive search and leadership consulting firm. Prior to this, she was a consultant for AMC Strategies, a healthcare consulting firm specializing in strategic and business planning for academic medical centers. Jennifer earned her undergraduate degree from UC San Diego and her master's degree in public health from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health.

Jennifer and her husband Marc have a daughter, Malia, who is in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Village, and a son, Alex, who graduated from Village and now attends Harvard-Westlake School.



**Shea Morris**

Shea Morris has been a teacher at Village School for 12 years, most of which have been in the Kindergarten classroom as a lead teacher. During her lengthy tenure with the school, Shea has been active in many aspects of the Village School community, including leading the development of the new kindergarten curriculum, participating in the admissions evaluation process, and serving on the Faculty Development Task Force. She has been the TK/K summer camp co-coordinator and teacher for 10 years, organized a Green Team focusing on ecology

issues/topics, and much more. Shea grew up in Oklahoma and received her bachelor's degree and Master of Education from Clemson University.

Shea and her husband Brett live in the Palisades and have two daughters, Carter and AJ, both of whom attended Village School.



**Jeffrey Richardson**

Jeffrey Richardson joined the Board of Trustees in 2018. He is also co-chair of the Committee on Diversity and Inclusivity and a member of the Committee on Trustees and the Legal Committee.

Jeff is a partner in the Los Angeles office of Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp and is a member of the firm's Governing Board and the chair of the Class Action Defense Practice. Jeff also is the founder and CEO of Project Paradigm and The Paradigm Challenge, which is annual competition that has engaged more than 100,000 students aged 4-18 from 173 countries to use STEM skills plus kindness, creativity, and collaboration to help address real-world problems. Previously, Jeff chaired the Board of BookEnds (a children's literacy organization) and served on the Board of the Western Center on Law & Poverty. Jeff earned a B.S. from Willamette University and a J.D. from USC Law School.

Jeff and his wife Leanne are parents of Chelsea and Blake, who are in 2nd grade and TK at Village.



**Mark Rosenbaum**

Mark Rosenbaum, the chair of the Board of Trustees since 2017, has been involved in the governance of Village School since 2011 when he first joined the Finance Committee. He became a trustee in 2013, led the Strategic Planning Committee from 2014-2015, chaired the Finance Committee from 2015-2017, and served on the board's Executive Committee and Committee on Trustees for several years.

Mark grew up in Portland, Oregon. He earned a B. S. in economics from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and an M.B.A. from the Anderson School at UCLA. Mark is a managing partner at Aurora Capital Partners, a private equity firm based in Los Angeles. Prior to joining Aurora in 2001, he was with Summit Partners, a private equity firm in Boston, and Montgomery Securities, an investment bank in San Francisco.

Mark and his wife Aimee live in Santa Monica and have two sons who are Village alumni and now attend Windward, and a daughter who is currently a 1st grader at Village.



**Lisa Pierson Weinberger**

Lisa Pierson Weinberger is the employment expert on Village School's Legal Committee and has been a trusted advisor in that capacity for the past two years. She is also active in the VSPA, where she has served as co-chair of the Admissions Hospitality Committee and the New Family Liaison Committee. She is currently on the VSPA's Executive Committee as the vice president of Volunteer Development.

Lisa founded Mom, Esq., a legal practice dedicated to the employment needs of working parents, which is now under the umbrella of her law firm, the Law Office of Lisa Pierson Weinberger. Prior to that, Lisa spent seven years at Greenberg Glusker working as an employment lawyer with many of Hollywood's A-List celebrities. Lisa has a bachelor's degree in psychology, with honors, from Washington University in St. Louis, and a J.D. from the UCLA School of Law where she served on the UCLA Law Review.

Lisa and her husband Dan have two children at Village, Noa and Ethan, who are in kindergarten and 3rd grade.