Governing Body

The Governing Body of Young Scholar's Academy is composed of five members. Two of these members are direct representatives of the non-profit corporation board, one member is a local business representative, one member is a current teacher (elected by the teaching staff), and one member is a parent representative (elected by the parent-teacher association).

The members of this board have continually supported the Director and staff of the school and are dedicated to the programs and viability of the school in all respects. They have demonstrated this on numerous occasions in their decision-making in regard to school policies and financial matters.

Tonya Smith is the first representative of the non-profit corporation serving on this board. Young Scholar's Academy is the product of her personal educational vision throughout her early teaching career. She began Young Scholar's Academy in 1994, and earned a charter with the Arizona Department of Education in 1996. She not only serves on the non-profit corporation board and the school governing board, but she also has been the Director of Young Scholar's Academy since its inception. Her dedication to the school is unquestionable, as she has made many personal sacrifices to see the school to its current successes.

Steven Smith is the second representative of the non-profit corporation serving on the school's governing body. Mr. Smith is a twenty-one year veteran of the Bullhead City Police Department, where he serves as Lieutenant. He has served on both boards since their inception, donating his time and efforts in this regard. He gives many hours of service to the school in this manner and always supports the best interests of the school, staff, and students!

Currently, Kelly Freeman is the local business representative serving on this board. Mrs. Freeman and her husband own and operate an office supply store. She has been in this position since 2002 (8 years), including serving as secretary on the governing board throughout this time. Her countless hours of time dedicated to the school in this manner are to be commended!

Dr. Scott Boggs is the current parent representative on the governing board. Dr. Boggs is a local podiatrist in the Fort Mohave area. Each year, the parent-teacher association elects a parent to serve as their representative on this board. This term is for one year, however, a person may be reelected to the position annually. This person is responsible to bring information, concerns, projects, etc. from the P.T.A. to the school governing board and vice versa. This means that they not only attend the school governing board meetings, but must also attend the parent-teacher association meetings. Obviously, this requires much dedication of personal time and commitment!

The final member of this board is the teacher representative. This representative must be a currently contracted teacher at Young Scholar's Academy. This teacher is elected by the teaching staff and is responsible to represent the teachers' interests throughout the meeting. They are required to attend the governing board meetings and report information, findings, decisions, etc. to the teaching staff.

All five members have equal voting power on this board. Each member has one vote and may vote in whatever manner they so choose. If a member were to step down, another member may be elected or chosen to fill that position by the next governing board meeting. In this manner, the board will remain a five-member board at all times and will continually be able to meet the needs of the school. There has never been a time in the history of Young Scholar's Academy when any one of these positions has not been filled, giving credit to the strength and stability of the Governing Body.