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JCoSS raises over £1 million per month - First Governors Announced -

JCoSS - the inclusive Jewish Community Secondary School set to open in Barnet in September 2010 – has raised £5.5 million towards its £10 million target in just over five months, it was announced today. That equates to a rate a million pounds every month since the fundraising campaign was launched towards the beginning of the year.

The announcement comes as JCoSS unveiled the names of its first ten school governors. They include two head teachers from other schools, an educational psychologist, a management consultant, marketing and communications experts, a lawyer and a circuit court judge. They also include members of the Orthodox, Reform, Liberal and Masorti movements, as well as one member who is unaffiliated to any movement. They will join on the governing body chair, Robert Shrager and vice-chair, Mike Grabiner, whose appointments were announced earlier in the year.

Robert Shrager (59) - a former Director of Morgan Grenfell and Finance Director of the Dixons Group plc - says:

“I am delighted not just by the quantity but the quality of the applications which we received. Coupled with our fundraising success, this provides yet further evidence of the huge enthusiasm which there is out there for JCoSS from every part of the community.”

The successful candidates were chosen from a field of 24 applicants following an open application and interview process.

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Notes

JCoSS's first governing body will comprise:

Robert Shrager (Chair)

Mike Grabiner (Vice Chair)

Dr Ian Abrahams

Alon Avner

Emma Cravitz

Pam Goldsmith

Joanne Harris

Dr Helena Miller

Fredda Hurwitz

Irene Kay

Jeremy Kosky

Robert Lobatto

Lisa Wimborne

Artist's impressions of JCoSS and photo of Robert Shrager available on request