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RE: Application to be a member of the French International School Board

I am writing to express my interest in becoming a member of the French International School Board. As an English speaking parent (originally from Zimbabwe) with a child enrolled at the school since TPS (and is now in PS), I have witnessed first-hand some of the challenges and opportunities within the primary school community. I love the French International School and want to see it flourish and be sustainable for my child and others in the school in the long term.

My involvement in my child's education and extracurricular activities has given me insight into the school's culture and areas for improvement. I believe that the school can benefit from significant changes to modernise its approach to align with international standards. This would include fostering a well-rounded education that prioritises not only academics but also emotional intelligence, sporting prowess and personal development.

I hold amongst other qualifications a Master of Laws and a Bachelor of Laws degree. I am primarily a Competition/ Anti-Trust Lawyer with over 15 years' experience having worked on various notable competition cases in South Africa. I have been involved in the corporate environment as in-house counsel for international JSE and NYSE listed companies with footprints in Africa and internationally . My expertise lies in competition law, competition compliance and litigation, mergers and acquisitions, commercial contract drafting and negotiations, corporate, labour law, and general commercial compliance. I am comfortable with complexity and work well in multi-disciplinary teams in matrix organisations.

With my background as a lawyer, I can offer valuable legal and strategic support to the board in navigating complex issues and implementing effective solutions. My passion for children's development and education drives me to advocate for positive change within the school community. Furthermore, my attention to detail and collaborative spirit make me a strong team player committed to the betterment of the school.

I am confident that with my skills, dedication, and commitment to excellence, I can contribute significantly to the advancement of the French International School's mission and vision of being the best French schooling environment in South Africa. I bring with me the perspective of an English Speaking (non-French Speaking), non-South African. I am committed to creating a school environment that promotes academic, cultural and sporting excellence, diversity and inclusivity. Thank you for considering my application

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