

## PROPOSALS/IDEAS TO ENSURE 15% QUORUM

1. Long-term project/duty of existing governing body and principal to facilitate loyalty and parent involvement, e.g. school traditions. Parents must feel as if it's their school.
2. Events at school (finish just before election meeting)
3. Competition between grades/prizes (ice cream, free periods)
4. Motivation of parents through other organisations, such as church
5. Co-opt experts now who will be willing to stand for election
6. Chair/principal identifies individuals in the community and motivates them to market themselves as governing body members
7. School with hostel(s) could have election on the first/last day of school, or on the Friday of a home weekend when parents fetch their children
8. Arrange the election alongside another event such as a sports day
9. Remind parents timeously/well in advance/often and in writing (tear-off slips) (importance of parent participation)
10. Class teachers could phone parents a week prior to the election, and SMS them on voting day
11. Children whose parents have finished voting may accompany their parents home earlier (get off time from school) – this works particularly well on a Friday
12. Concise, easy-to-read and interesting document/brochure to parents on role, functions and importance of governing body
13. Indicate election date very prominently on the school's year calendar
14. Send regular governing body news to parents (plans, successes, activities)
15. Ideal: Properly market full-day election
16. Primary schools: Host short programme by junior primary learners prior to the time (choir, speech choir, etc.). For senior primary learners, combine election with parent evening where subject teachers may be visited.

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17. Use a school bus with a loudhailer to make announcements in the various areas where parents live
18. Use school buses to fetch parents from designated areas on voting day
19. Ensure that there are refreshments available at the voting station throughout the day
20. Concert/fête/motivational speaker prior to/in conjunction with election meeting
21. Articles in local newspapers
22. Identify and approach non-governmental organisations, etc. to advertise the election
23. FEDSAS Facebook and Twitter projects
24. Insert a reminder about the governing body election at the bottom of every correspondence with parents
25. FEDSAS posters for school, churches, community
26. FEDSAS visual presentation for schools to transmit to parents via the internet
27. Special FEDSAS newsletters for member schools
28. Electronic elections, which would allow many parents to vote from home.