

Minutes of the meeting of the full governing body held on Monday 13th March 2023 at 4.30pm.

**Present:**

Mrs N Galloway (Chair)  
Mrs H Benwell  
Mr I Lindsay  
Miss J Harvey  
Mr T Rimmer  
Mrs J Vila  
Mr C Feeney  
Mrs N Harwood  
Mr A Walker  
Mr I Siddall (Headteacher)

**Also Present:**

Mrs E Wallace (Clerk to Governors)  
Mrs S Khan (Observer – Deputy Headteacher)  
Miss F Bate (Observer – Deputy Headteacher)  
Mr S Stott (Observer - Director of Resources)  
Mr A Day (Observer – Senior Assistant Headteacher)

**Apologies:**

Mrs M Collins was absent from the meeting.

**2a. Governing Body Matters**

**a) Declaration of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**b. Terms of office/membership**

Mrs Vila had reached the end of her term of office. After being proposed by the Chair and seconded by Mr Walker, Mrs Vila left the room for governors to vote. Governors voted for Mrs Vila to be re-elected as a co-opted governor for another term of office.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting and any matters arising**

The minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated to Governors, be approved and signed by the Chair.

- The parent governor election – Due to be advertised in the coming weeks.
- OFSTED Report – Distributed to parents/carers.

Clerk

**4. Theme Input – High Level Behaviour and Alternative Provision.**

Mr Day discussed exclusion figures, informing governors there had been five permanent exclusions last year, with eighty eight fixed term exclusions, this academic year there has been two permanent exclusion and forty-three fixed term exclusions. Hodgson have worked hard to reduce their fixed term and permanently excluded students. There are currently nine Hodgson students in alternative provision, seven of which are in Year 11. The McKee have started a

Uniform Armed services course where they prepare students for the entrance exam with the Armed Forces and students study their core GCSEs. 85% of students who embark on this course successfully embark in a career with the Armed Forces. One student had 30% attendance at Hodgson and on this course has now reached 94% attendance. Ben Wallace is soon to visit the McKee due to the success of this programme. The McKee have a maximum class size of eight. There is currently a student at Ed-Diversity due to a medical condition. There is one student being taught remotely with GCSEs to be taken in a smaller environment to Hodgson. There is one student at ROSCOM which is a construction based course.

**A governor asked** for the updated terminology on exclusions.

Mr Day explained the terminology used is now Suspensions or expulsions.

**A governor queried** if Hodgson use the Lancashire alternative provision.

Mr Day stated it is not used but Hodgson are aware of this. The McKee offer value for money and with it being down the road this is extremely useful for updates, visits and tracking.

Mrs Khan explained the Heads of House have created and are delivering a positive mindset course for a group of Year 10 boys who struggle with behaviour and engagement, which so far is proving to be very positive with results being noticed after week one.

**The Chair requested** an update on the last meeting of the year regarding the Year 10 boys intervention.

Mrs Khan

Mr Day explained the next step is to address how behaviour is tackled in the classroom. We need to ensure sanctions are applied consistency and the follow up is meaningful.

## 5. Chair's action and update

The Chair explained she was due to visit the academy next week and would report back to Governors.

## 6. School Day – September 2023

Mr Siddall explained the government white paper stated the ambition of a school week being 33.5 hours a week, which currently Hodgson is at 32.25 hours a week. The extension of the school day by 15 minutes would allow three things

- Increased time at break times, allowing all students to be served in the canteens.
- Increased morning registration time allowing greater time with their form tutor.
- Increased Period 4 time, which currently stands at 55 minutes.

Mr Siddall explained he was working closely with Baines to ensure no extra charges from the bus services used.

**Although operational Mr Siddall requested approval from governors. Governors approved** the school day change from September 2023.

Mr Siddall

**7. Academisation Update**

Mr Siddall explained the members meeting took place prior to the full governors meeting.

**8. School visit feedback**

The Chair explained she was due to visit the academy next week and would report back to Governors.

**9. Finance update and questions**

Mr Stott referred to the document distributed to governors prior to the meeting and invited questions.

**A governor questioned** the supply staff figure.

Mr Stott explained this figure is below previous years historically. The accumulative figure is at 50% and we are half way through the year.

**A governor asked** if the figure covered teaching staff and support staff.

Mr Stott explained this figure is in relation to Teaching staff.

**A governor queried** the 70% spend on the maintenance budget.

Mr Stott explained this was due to the needs of the academy, with new classrooms requiring new furniture. The gas and electric also comes out of this budget, however the predicted £250,000 bill expected is now expected to be around £180,000.

**10. Headteacher's Report**

Mr Siddall referred to the document distributed to governors prior to the meeting.

**A governor questioned** the pupil premium attendance figure.

Mr Siddall explained the attendance officer prioritises these students. This figure is concerning and it is being addressed but will not happen overnight.

**A governor stated** all year groups are above the national average of attendance.

**11. Educational Visits**

The Educational visit document was distributed to governors at the meeting.

Keele University Trip to be addressed at Chair's action at the next meeting.

**12. Governor Training**

**A governor asked** if there is a record for governor training and going forward governor training to be minuted.

The Chair

Mrs Vila explained she keeps a record of Governor training.

Mrs Galloway explained she had recently completed her PREVENT training.

A link to be sent out to Governors for Safer recruitment training.

Clerk

**13. Any other business**

There were no items under Any other business.

**14. Confidentiality**

There were items in points 7, 9 and 10, deemed to be of a confidential nature and minuted as such.

**15. Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 4.30pm.