

Minutes of the meeting of the full governing body held on Monday 5th June 2023 at 4.30pm.

Present:

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

Also Present:

Mrs E Wallace (Clerk to Governors)

Miss F Bate (Observer – Deputy Headteacher)
Mr S Stott (Observer - Director of Resources)

Apologies:

Apologies received and accepted for Mrs N Galloway, Mr C Feeney, Mrs M Collins and Mr I Lindsay

Please note the Department for Education 'urges governing boards to be pragmatic in what they cover in meetings during this time, and to be proportionate in the decisions that they are planning to take'. They expect governors to focus on 'urgent, time-bound decisions' and understand boards will want to 'defer non urgent decisions/agenda items until future meetings'.

In addition, the National Governance Association (NGA) has advised paperwork be scaled back and verbal updates be provided wherever possible during this time.

2a. Governing Body Matters

a) Declaration of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

b. Terms of office/membership

The parent governor election had been advertised and was unsuccessful. This will be re advertised in the coming weeks. Mr McConnachie's term of office is due to end on 26th June, as a member appointed governor the members will be required to meet.

Governors suggested a meet and greet at a steps to success evening for any parents interested in becoming a parent governor.

Mr Siddall and governors agreed.

A governor asked when the next trustee meeting will be arranged.

Mr Siddall explained this will be arranged.

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 with the following amendments

- Apologies to be added for Mrs N Harwood for the extraordinary minutes meeting.
- Mrs J Vila to be added to the list of attendees.
- The national college for safeguarding training link to be emailed to governors.

Clerk

Mr Siddall explained the school day consultation closed with no objections and will proceed having already been approved by governors.

Safer recruitment training was offered to governors with links to be sent out to those interested.

Clerk

4. Chair's action and update

Mr Siddall explained Mrs Galloway visited the academy and enjoyed the day. The Earth summit trip has returned to Governors for approval

5. School visit feedback

Mrs Galloway to discuss at next meeting.

The Chair

6. Finance update and questions

Mr Stott distributed the finance document to governors at the meeting.

Mr Stott discussed the recent surveys that had taken place at the academy, all returning clear.

Mr Stott referred to the Teachers pay offer and explained this had not been finalised and would be discussed further at the next meeting.

Mr Stott explained £50,000 of the supply cost from the previous meeting had already been accounted for.

Mr Stott explained there is a current surplus of £72,000 however there would be some new technology equipment required due to a change of course.

A governor queried if the extension of the school day would implicate the budget.

Mr Stott explained there would be no financial implications.

Mr Siddall explained directed time for teachers would alter, however salaries would not.

7. Headteacher's Verbal Update

Mr Siddall explained the GCSEs had started, the students were doing well with a good uptake in the revision sessions provided.

Hodgson is 90 this year with an event being held at the academy this Saturday, there has been lots of engagement on social media, Miss Hetherington has put a lot of effort into this and it is

looking like a great day. Blackpool brass band will be in attendance and the event will run from 2pm -5pm. The new memorial at the front of the school will be officially unveiled at the event. There are a number of ex Headteacher and past and present staff.

A governor stated the revision provisions that have been offered to students for the GCSEs has been exceptional. Governors agreed and expressed thanks.

8. MAT Update

This item was deemed to be confidential.

9. Educational Visits

The educational visits document was distributed to governors at the meeting.

Approval was sought from governors for three type B visits. Governors approved visits to Keele University, Pleasure Beach and a geography fieldwork visit to Ambleside.

10. Governor Training

Mrs Vila asked for Governors to update her with any training they have completed.

Mrs Vila recommended a skills audit.

11. Any other business

12. Confidentiality

There were items in points 7 and all of 8, deemed to be of a confidential nature and minuted as such.

13. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th July at 4.30pm.