



ACADEMY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Monday 8th July 2024
 Time: 5.30pm
 Venue: Hazel Grove High School

Clerk: A Parker
 Present: M Stewart, S Blades, A Bentley, G Vout, B Vickers, C Franklin, M Sackville-Ford

Agenda – Part 1				
Category	Item	Notes	Action	
	Apologies	Apologies received and accepted from D Browne and J Butler. S Warner did not attend.		
	AOB items	None.		
	Register of Interests	Governors were asked to report any changes in their records held to the Clerk. SB employers name has changed to Multirealm. To be updated on Register of Business Interests.	All/Clerk	
	Minutes of previous meeting	The minutes of the meeting held 5 th March 2024 were approved as a correct record of the meeting and there were no matters arising.	Agree	
	Membership: Recruitment update/Succession planning	MS and SB to arrange a meeting with LW to discuss options to replace SW and RK.	MS/SB	
	Scheme of Delegation	There were no change to the Scheme of Delegation. AB raised the issue of what impact Governors have and if there could be more feedback from the Trust Board. MS suggested that LW attend the next meeting to clarify and discuss further the function of the Academy Committee.	Noted	
	Trust Board updates	Governors were provided with Trust Board updates from the March 2024 meeting.		

			Governors did not have any questions relating to the report.	
2	School Performance & Accountability	School Development Plan Priorities	<p>Governors received the School Development Plan.</p> <p>MS explained that moving forward the School Development Plan will focus on the long term future of the school rather than just the upcoming year. There will be a new version for September which will focus on 2024 – 2027. This new approach will be Trust wide.</p> <p>GV commented that the School Development Plan is essential in driving up the standards of the school and still needs to be reviewed/revised annually as priorities may change.</p> <p>MS confirmed that the School Development Plan will still be reviewed termly, but that the new approach gives scope to look at longer term aims for the school.</p>	
		Ensure delivery of School Curricula and Assessment is in line with Trust's approach	MS confirmed the school curriculum and assessment was in line with all other schools in the Trust.	
		Review Head's Report	<p>MS presented the Head of School Report to the Governors. Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS- Attendance is above national average but is still a key priority. • CF confirmed that there had been an increase in holiday requests during term time. • CF confirmed that the school does not authorise holidays in term time unless in extenuating circumstances. • MS stated the Local Authority is looking to tighten up the enforcement of unauthorised absences. • Was acknowledged that children looking at moving to alternative provisions had an effect on attendance figures. • MS stated there had been strong sets of mocks results in both December and March 	

3	Governor Monitoring	Finance update including pupil numbers, bench marking and value for money	Governors reviewed the April 2024 Management Accounts.	
		Policies	Governors approved the Mobile Device Policy. Governors approved the Drug and Alcohol Policy. Governors approved the Behaviour Policy. Governors approved the Uniform Policy.	
		Ensure curriculum policies are in line with statutory guidance	MS confirmed curriculum policies are in line with statutory guidance.	
		Safeguarding and SEND Link governor updates (if meetings have been held)	GV feedback from his Safeguarding visit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The record of everyone who is on site is up to date and extremely thorough. • Staff training is regularly refreshed. • An audit of safeguarding is being carried out and CF will send a copy to GV. • Meeting are already planned for next year. AB feedback on SEND: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three visits have been done over the year. • The most recent visit was extremely positive. • No particular concerns. 	
4	Governor Development	Review Governor Training plan – GDPR/PDC/Ofs ted training	Governors advised a new Training Plan will be launched September 2024.	
		Minute any training undertaken by Governors since the last	N/A	

		meeting		
5	Community Engagement	Stakeholder engagement – verbal update (Staff/parents/students/Governors)	<p>MS thanked JB and GV for their support with the careers event.</p> <p>It was noted that preparation for the Prom was well underway.</p>	
	AOB		<p>Laurus Grace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contactor was appointed on Friday and work is due to start 18th July. • School will open in early September in temporary accommodation. • Will open with 24 students initially. • Will be a mixture of short and long term placements. • The focus will be on a serious academic curriculum along with personal development. • An Ofsted visit is arranged for next Tuesday. • There has been some reservations from local residents at the Consultation Event. • Recruitment is complete – a full set of staff is ready. • MS stated that the parent community know that Laurus Grace is in the pipeline and the school will use the end of year newsletter to reiterate that although Laurus Grace is within the building it is a completely separate school. <p>CF presented Governors with an overview of the school's approach to bullying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We deem bullying as anyone trying to harm another person physically or mentally. • We educate students as much as possible regarding bullying and this runs through different subjects over the whole academic year. • We have an anonymous reporting system. • We encourage open communication with parents so they feel they can always contact us. 	
	Meeting Dates:	Meeting dates 2025	<p>Tuesday 15th October 2024 at 6pm</p> <p>Tuesday 25th February 2025 6pm</p> <p>Tuesday 20th May 2025 6pm</p>	

Impact of Meeting / Key Outcomes
Governors reviewed the Management Accounts April 2024
Governors reviewed the Head of School Report
Governors reviewed School Development Plan.
Governors reviewed the Trust Board Report March 2024.
Minutes of 5 th March 2024 were agreed.
Governors approved Mobile Device Policy.
Governors approved Drug and Alcohol Policy.
Governors approved Behaviour Policy.
Governors approved Uniform Policy.

Steve Blades

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Chair of Academy Committee
15.10.2025