



Board of Governors

Minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2017

THE MEETING OPENED WITH A PRAYER

Item 1 – Members present:

Pamela Catherall
Phil Collier
Simon Dale
James Gresty
Fr. John Hindley
Mark Higgins
John Lumb (in the Chair)
Peter McGhee
Peter McGuire
Catherine Morgan
Teresa Richardson
Pam Tate

Also in attendance:

Dominic Jones (Director of Curriculum and Quality)
Jim Winstanley (Director of Finance)

Apologies

Peter Phillips

Item 2 – Declarations of Interest in any agenda item by Governors and staff present

None.

Item 3 – Resolve that any items of a confidential nature relating to the staff, finances or operation of the College be taken in a confidential part of the meeting.

AGREED.

Item 4 - Minutes of the meeting of 8 December 2016

AGREED and signed by the Chair.

Item 5 – Any Other Business

None.

Item 6 – Audit Committee Minutes 24 November 2016

The minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 30 March 2017 were submitted and the Chair Pam Tate commented thereon.

AGREED: 1. That the minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 30 March 2017 be approved.

2. That the recommendation of the Audit Committee to reappoint Mazars for the 2016/17 financial year, subject to an agreeable fixed fee for their work be approved.

Item 7 – Minutes of the Finance & Resources Committee

The minutes of the meetings of the Finance & Resources Committee held on 26 January and 20 April 2017 were submitted and the Chair, Simon Dale commented thereon.

The meeting discussed the implications for the college of GMPFs decision to de-pool the support staff pension costs. It was recommended that the view of the Diocese be sought.

In respect of the need to identify and agree where potential “savings” could be made a figure of £100k was agreed.

AGREED: That the minutes of the Finance & Resources committee held on 26 January and 20 April 2017 be approved.

Item 8 – Quality & Standards Committee 16 March 2017

The minutes of the meetings of the Quality & Standards Committee held on 16 March 2017 were submitted and the Chair, John Lumb commented thereon.

The meeting discussed the merits and costs associated with the marketing of the College, including making savings in the marketing budget, its success and possible other courses of action.

AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Quality & Standards Committee held on 16 March 2017 be approved.

Item 9 – Ofsted Inspection Report

A copy of the Ofsted Inspection report carried out 14 – 17 February 2017 was submitted. SJR had been rated as “Outstanding”! and the Principal briefly took the meeting through the report commenting on highlighted items of particular interest.

The Chair and all the Governors expressed their delight at the Ofsted rating and wished to minute their thanks and appreciation to the Principal and all the Staff at SJR for all their hard work and commitment to the College. It was a tremendous achievement and should be celebrated and made widely known.

Item 10 – Accommodation Strategy

Following on from the discussions at the recent Strategic Planning Conference and other meetings, reports from Fusion were circulated updating the options for increasing the College’s capacity and giving indicative capital costs of these options.

The meeting was also referred to Item 5 – Accommodation Strategy- of the Finance & Resources Committee held on 20 April 2017 and the discussions and recommendations agreed at that meeting.

It was AGREED: that this matter be an agenda item for the meeting of Full Governors on 6 July 2017.

Signed:

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