



Board of Governors

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2015

THE MEETING OPENED WITH A PRAYER

Item 1 – Members present:

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

Also in attendance:

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

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.

Item 4 - Minutes of the meeting of 15 October 2015

AGREED and signed by the Chair.

Item 6 – Audit Committee Minutes 25 November 2015

The minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 25 November were submitted and the Chair, Pam Tate commented thereon.

AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 25 November and all the recommendations to the Governing Body therein be approved.

Item 7 – Annual Report of the Audit Committee to the Governing Body

In accordance with JACOP Part 2 the Chair of the Audit committee submitted the annual report of the Audit Committee. The report summarised the activities of the Audit committee for the financial year ended 31 July 2015. The report highlighted the assurances sought and received by the Audit Committee and commented on the external and internal audit findings and services provided.

AGREED: That the report be accepted.

Item 8 – Final Accounts – 31 July 2015

The report and Financial Statements for the Year ending 31 July 2015 were submitted and Jim Winstanley commented thereon.

No major issues had been identified.

AGREED: That the Report and Financial Statements for the Year ending 31 July 2015 be approved.

Item 9 – Quality & Standards Committee 3 December 2015

The minutes of the meeting of the Quality & Standards Committee held on 3 December 2015 were tabled and the Chair, John Lumb commented thereon.

The Chair thanked all those Governors who had sat on the Assessment Panels.

AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Quality & Standards Committee held on 3 December 2015 be approved.

Item 10 – SAR Executive Summary

Dominic Jones tables the SAR 2014-15 report and commented in detail thereon.

The Chair thanked Dominic for this huge and very impressive piece of work.

AGREED: That the SAR 2014-15 be approved.

Item 11 – Greater Manchester Area Review Update

The meeting received reports and a briefing from the Principal. He reported back on the recent meetings that had taken place and commented on the areas of possible collaboration between SJR and Carmel College that were being explored.

He briefly informed the meeting of the recent announcements from the Spending Review and the financial impact this would have on SJR.

He went on to comment on the Colleges' shared vision of academisation and developing relationships and arrangements with catholic partner schools. To this end a further meeting with the

Archdiocese was to take place on Friday 11 December. He outlined the proposed way forward, stance and arguments that the Colleges would be putting forward and would keep Governors fully informed of the outcomes and any developments.

AGREED: That the proposed way forward be approved and Governors kept fully briefed and informed of any developments.

Item 11 – Principal’s Report on Strategic Objectives

The Principal submitted the above document and briefly commented on items of particular interest.

AGREED: That the report be noted.

Item 12 – Governors Attendance Record 2014-15

Report circulated.

The Chair thanked all the Governors for their attendance at all the meetings.

AGREED: That the report be noted.

Item 13 – Strategic Planning Conference 26/27 February 2016

The Principal reported the current position. A guest speaker had been found – The Deputy Director of the SFCA.

He requested and received Governors approval for the venue to be moved to the Wrightington Hotel.

Item 14 – Performance and Development Review

Further to the original documentation shared with Governors and the subsequent negotiations with Trade Union representatives, the Principal proposed a slight adjustment to the performance thresholds. This was a move from “more than 50% of teaching groups” to “at least 50% of teaching groups” reaching required key performance indicators.

AGREED: That the adjustment be approved.

Signed:

Date: