



Board of Governors

Minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2016

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)
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.

AGREED: 2 items of confidential business.

Item 4 - Minutes of the meeting of 10 December 2016

AGREED and signed by the Chair.

All the Governors agreed that the Strategic Planning Day in February had been a success. Having a clear focus for the event had been excellent and all were of the view that it had been a positive experience.

Item 6 – Audit Committee Minutes 10 March 2016

The minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 10 March 2016 were submitted and the Chair, Pam Tate commented thereon.

AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 10 March 2016 and all the recommendations to the Governing Body therein be approved.

Item 7 Finance & Resources Committee minutes – 4 February and 21 April 2016

The minutes of the meetings of the Finance Committee held on 4 February and 21 April 2016 (tabled) were circulated and the Chair, Simon Dale commented thereon.

In respect of the 21 April 2016 minutes – Item 8 Annual Human Resources Report the meeting referred to the high cost of agency staff and staff cover.

The meeting discussed staffing issues, possible stress issues and queried what “support systems” were in place e.g. “A help line”.

AGREED: That the minutes of the meetings of the Finance & Resources committee held on 4 February and 21 April 2016 be approved.

Item 8 – Quality & Standards Committee 17 March 2016

The minutes of the meeting of the Quality & Standards Committee held on 17 March 2016 were circulated and the Chair, John Lumb commented thereon.

Reference was made to retention and the increased number of students who had left the College in March/April.

AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Quality & Standards Committee held on 17 March 2016 be approved.

Item 9 – 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.

The Principal was confident that the College could meet the requirements of the Area Review Board. The Meeting re-confirmed its proposal to proceed with its objective of becoming a stand-alone academy.

AGREED: That the report be noted and Governors kept fully informed of developments.

Item 10 – Curriculum and Staffing Plan

Dominic Jones submitted reports in respect of the above and commented thereon.

AGREED: That the report be noted.

Signed:

Date: