



MINUTES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY  
MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 2016  
AT CATMOSE COLLEGE FROM 5.00PM

Present: Andrew Holt (Chair), Judith Gilboy (Vice Chair), Stuart Williams (Executive Principal), Mark Nicoll, Rob Mulvey, Martyn Rhowbotham, Emma Gautrey, Simon Mellors, Paul Denton, Andy Wright, Nicola Fowler & Alex Mould

In attendance: Kelly Jackson (Head of School Catmose Primary), Natalie Ray (CFO), Virginia Savage (Vice Principal), Jude Macdonald (Vice Principal), Oliver Teasel (Vice Principal)

Nicola Tyers (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Jeremy Simmonds, Chris Howard, Samantha Hearth and Linda Arnold. It was noted that Mr Wainwright had resigned as a governor with immediate effect due to ill-health.

2. Declarations of Personal & Pecuniary Interest

Mr Mellors declared an interest in discussions surrounding Catmose Nursery due to his role as Site Manager.

3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair. Mr Holt put himself forward for the role of Chair and Mrs Gilboy put herself forward for Vice Chair. These positions were formally ratified by all those present.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising. The minutes of the meetings held on 7 July and 19 September were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting and were signed by Mr Holt as Chair.

5. Catmose Nursery

It was noted that Trustees had voted in favour to close the Nursery from 31 October 2016.

Mr Mellors and Mr Williams abstained from voting. Governors present (and those voting) gave their unanimous approval to take the steps to close the Nursery with effect from 31 October 2016.

Following a question from Mr Mulvey, it was noted that steps were being taken to avoid compulsory redundancy wherever possible.

6. Principal's Report



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Mr Williams circulated the Principal's report.

Mr Williams was pleased to report that Year 7 had settled well. He passed on comments from members of the public as to how well behaved they had been on a trip to Derngate Theatre.

Mrs Fowler thanked teachers as a parent of a Year 12 pupil for their hardwork and commitment to their profession.

7. Transformation Plan

Mr Teasel presented to governors on outcomes. Governors were made aware of the Ebacc measure and the results of those entered are a close percentage to those who have achieved the qualification. Governors were asked to consider increasing the percentage of students entered for the Ebacc qualification by increasing the number of students opting to take MFL at GCSE.

Mr Denton challenged why Physics and Chemistry was not included in the Outcome recommendations due to their performance on the A\*-C measure. Mr Williams explained that whilst he would like the A\*-C to be above natural average, students making 3 and 4 levels of progress were the true indicators of performance.

It was noted that Core and Additional Science remains an area for development. However, 2017 will be the last cohort to take these two qualifications.

Ms Savage presented on behaviour. Governors were pleased to hear that the College was under the national average of exclusions but over on permanent exclusions but were for violence and one-off incidents and one was for persistent behaviour issues within the College.

A document on Effectiveness of Leadership & Management was circulated prior to the meeting.

8. Policies

The Safeguarding Policy was circulated prior to the meeting and was formally ratified by all those present.

9. Exclusions

3 exclusions and a total of 13 days.

10. Any other Business



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- Mr Rhowbotham updated governors on the Year 10 Scrutiny Panel held at the end of Term 6.
- Governors were keen to see students present at LGB meetings. It was agreed that Mr Holt and Mr Mellors arrange for some representatives from DofE to present at the Term 2 meeting.