



FGB Meeting 11 September 2024 Part One - Minutes

Present:

Victoria Abbott (VA)	Adam Boshoff (ACB)
Amy Betterton (AB)	Kyra Mumford (KM)
Tim Hingston (TH)	Lucy Smith (LS)
Aaron Twaits (AaT)	Kerry Dixon (KD)

In attendance:

Pam Langridge (Clerk)
Carolynne Ballard (Bursar)

Guest Speaker – Sally from LPT

Governors welcomed and thanked Sally for joining the meeting.

Sally provided governors with a full and frank update of the current position of Moss Lane in becoming an academy.

She advised that the current land lease is now not being renewed, but reviewed & changed which has instigated a charity act review. The lease is old with grandfather rights so it makes sense from a commercial perspective to update the clauses. The new proposal has an impact on the future cost of the rent and as such will need to be agreed to by the LP Trustees as it differs from the original proposal.

It's hoped the Diocese will recognise that the LPT is financially significant and secure enough to remove the requirement of a guarantor.

The Diocese trustees have called for an exceptional meeting to be held to agree to next steps.

It was noted that all these processes will cause a delay to the school becoming an academy.

It was agreed that the elongation of the process will have an adverse financial impact on the LPT who have incurred legal fees and the school as some services from the LPT will need to be paid for going forward, which have up until now been available at no charge.

The 3 threads impacting progress include the funding, the need for a guarantor and the process.

Governors were reassured that all parties are still hopeful of a positive outcome and keen to resolve.

It was agreed KM will arrange a teams call with Sally to bring her up to speed with the detail of current position.



After a robust discussion governors agreed that the current position within LPT should be clarified and an agreement reached regarding the implementation of services between now and the joining of the academy.

[VA CB and KM to meet to determine a clear list](#) of what will be purchased from LPT, GLP and Surrey to avoid doubling up in expenditure. The financial burden caused by the delay in academisation should not become the burden of the school.

Welcome & Apologies

- Governors were welcome back to new school year.
- Apologies received and accepted from Tom Crees, Ben Cross, Nigel Freeman and Kyra Mumford for first half of meeting.
- Governors agreed to alternative meeting arrangements as required ie online.
- Governors agreed to open meetings.
- Business interests unchanged and declared.
- Governors were reminded to complete and return their Business Interest Declaration forms for the register.

Appointments & Membership

Chair	Kyra Mumford
Vice Chair	Aaron Twaits
Vice Chair	Adam Boshoff
Pay Panel	Kyra Mumford, Victoria Abbott, Tom Crees
Appeals	Aaron Twaits, Tim Hingston
HT Appraisal	Kyra Mumford, Adam Boshoff
Complaints	Nigel Freeman, Kerry Dixon
Admissions	Kyra Mumford

Strategic leads to remain.

Governors recognised the amount of work and training Ben Cross has undertaken in his lead role, with thanks.

Kyra Mumford will now take on Leadership.

SDP & Annual Work Program

[VA to email SDP to Governors.](#)

Governors are encouraged to review the areas they are responsible for and liaise with HT.

Focus areas for the school are SEND, attendance, healthy school status, joining academy.

[Governors were encouraged to sign up for the training webinar on attendance.](#)

Annual Work Program was circulated in July. Governors encouraged to refer to document and book school visits in line with strategic responsibilities.

Constitution

There are no current vacancies.



Governors were advised that after 8 years of service Adam Boshoff will be stepping down at the end of term. This will leave a Co Opted Governor vacancy and the opportunity for someone to step up to Vice Chair. [KM to recruit replacement governor.](#)

Governors agreed having two Vice Chairs worked well, to share workload and support the Chair who is new to the role.

Approval of Minutes

Approved

Safeguarding

[All Governors to undertake safeguarding training.](#) Clerk to find course provided by NGA or VA to circulate training video.

KCSIE

[Governors encouraged to read the new KCSIE 2024](#) document and email Clerk to confirm read and understood for record keeping.

Policies

School office to prepare a schedule of policies due for ratification across the school year.

Confidential Items

None

Dates of Future Meetings

13 November – Resources

5 February – Children & Learning

5 March – Finance committee meeting

30 April – Children & Learning

18 June – Resources

9 July – Children & Learning