



Leighton Local Advisory Board Minutes 07/12/2017

▶ Leighton Academy ▶ Thursday, December 7, 2017 ▶ 6.00pm ▶ Chair: Helen Morris ▶ Clerk: Amanda Arnold

FINAL: The minutes are confirmed and locked.

Governors Attending: >Sam Brennand, Joanna Young, Su Hawkes, Nicola Kay, Stephen Hall, Diane Ridings, Helen Morris, James Sweeney,

Governors Apologies: >

Non Governors Attending: >Amanda Arnold,

Non Governors Apologies: >

Agenda Item 1 ▶ Apologies & Items of Any Other Business

Apologies received from A Millar and A Manning in advance of the meeting.

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No items of any other business.

Agenda Item 2 ▶ Accounts

a. The audit report was circulated to governors in advance of the meeting.

A governor asked does the deficit in point 2.6 on the Audit re pensions get taken to the MAT when we move. J Young reported no. Governors asked if we had this in writing. JY to ensure that we have clarification about this in writing from the MAT.

Governors commented that they have never seen a report with no issues. A wonderful result for the academy. A big thank you to the Business Manager, T German for her work surrounding this.

The End of Year Accounts were circulated in advance of the meeting.

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Carry Over Journals for year 2017/2018 were circulated in advance of the meeting. T German explained why these have taken place, including that some were paid in the last year 2016/17 but were for 2017/18. Carry Forward of £300,000.

A discussion took place around using these funds and governors agreed that £30k will be moved into a new account to be named 'Requires Improvement Fund'. This will be to support the work required following the Ofsted Inspection.

Furniture budget has been used due to the new furniture in the new build areas.

Copies of the letters due to be sent to Haines & Watts Accountants following the audit had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Governors agreed that all could be signed off following the presentation of paperwork.

Agenda Item 3 ▶ Multi Academy Trust

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Several papers have been circulated to governors over the past weeks regarding the possible move to the Learning for Life Multi Academy Trust, all of which were also circulated in advance of the meeting.

JY explained that the application form has been completed and shared as until signed on the conversion date we are not committed. The application is taken to the Headteachers Board on 14/12/17. It was felt that there are no reasons to be turned down or questioned. The Learning for Life Partnership have reported that because we are so far forward with the application it is also unlikely that we will get a DfE visit. JY reported that the academy have already been working closely and very well with Dan and Liam. They have been in and spoken to all of the staff. JY has also had 10 minute drop ins with staff and reported that the majority of staff are happy that it is a positive move.

After the Headteachers board the work is then in the background with a conversion date due to be 1/3/18.

A Tupe meeting with the unions is taking place in the New Year where governor representation will be required. 2.30pm 17/1/18. HM confirmed her attendance at the meeting.

Governor questions were forwarded and responded to. Governors felt it was a positive partnership model for the academy.

Governors were asked individually their thoughts and feelings on the partnership and it was positive for all.

Responses included - Asked all the right questions. Lots of research. It appears to be the best of what is available. Staff governors felt happy with the move and confident in the members of the partnership that they have met.

Governors felt that the journey looking at other MAT's has helped to decide.

JY to Action following the meeting confirmation. To request in writing that there will be no residual pension liability on Leighton Academy and confirm that it will be a 5% top slice and that it will just of the GAG.

Aimed conversion date of 1/3/18. Governors agreed to continue with the move to Learning for Life Partnership.

ACTION JY to request in writing that there will be no residual pension liability on Leighton Academy and that it will be a 5% top slice of only the GAG.

DECISION Agreed to proceed with the application for the Learning for Life MAT

CHALLENGE **A number of governor questions/challenge were forwarded regarding the MAT in advance of the meeting. See attachments.**

Agenda Item 4 ▶ Any Other Business

MINUTE No items of any other business

Governor Agreed Actions set during this meeting: 0

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Minutes approved by Amanda Arnold