



INQUORATE MEETING

THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY OF WHITCLIFFE MOUNT SHOOOL

Minutes of the meeting of the Local Governing Body held at 6.00pm at the School on Monday 9 October 2023.

PRESENT

Mrs R Hesmondhalgh (RH) (Head), Miss S Heaton (SH), Mr C Rika (CR), Miss K Wrench (KW)

In Attendance

Ms Naomi Bell (NB) (Minute Clerk)
 Mrs Katie Bland (KB) (Deputy Head Teacher)
 Mrs Jayne Newson (JN) (Share MAT)

Procedural	
1.	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, CONSENT AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Mr S Burnhill and Mr M McKirgan; consent was given.</p> <p>Mrs T Stevens was absent and has not responded to emails requests.</p> <p>Mrs Newson advised that after failure to attend 3 meetings, a communication would go out to Governors to enquire about them and to discuss their position on the Local Governing Body.</p> <p>Governors noted that the meeting was not quorate. Those present at the meeting agreed to have a general discussion whilst Mrs Newson was present.</p>
2.	<p><u>GENERAL DISCUSSION ABOUT THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY</u></p> <p>Governors discussed the vacancies on the Local Governing Body, which at present stood as follows:</p> <p>2 x parent Governors 1 x Staff Governor Trust Governors (up to 10 places were available)</p> <p>Mrs Bland advised that a Year 7 parent had approached her about becoming a Governor. This information would be passed along to JN.</p>

	<p>Q How do we appoint Trust Governors</p> <p>A. We use Governors for School, candidates chose which schools they would like to work in. Part of JN's role is to look at ways to recruit Governors through various media.</p> <p>In addition to this, a robust induction programme needed to be put fully in place. This was another area of JN's work.</p> <p>Governors discussed the number of meetings that the school had in place; JN advised that other high schools in the MAT only have full Governors' meetings. These are held every term or half term.</p> <p>Scrutiny would then come from individual governor visits to the school looking at specific areas of school development / focus.</p> <p>RH questioned whether having more meetings might put new Governors off being involved.</p> <p>CR thought that the committee structure needed to be reviewed and ratified before going out to look for new members for the Governing Body.</p>	
3.	<p><u>GENERAL UPDATES</u></p> <p>Q. How has the new uniform been accepted?</p> <p>A. Really well, it is now much better than it was.</p> <p>Q. How has behaviour been since the start of term?</p> <p>A. It was good for the first week, since then there have been some issues but nothing significant. The key issues are around the community.</p> <p>RH advised Governors about an incident with a member of the public within the school grounds. She had informed the Chair and the Trust at the time.</p>	
4.	<p><u>RE-SCHEDULE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY MEETING</u></p> <p>The re-scheduled meeting of the Local Governing Body will be held on Thursday 26 October 2023 at 6.00 pm.</p>	

Meeting closed at 6.40pm