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THE GOVERNING BODY OF SHELLEY COLLEGE

Minutes of the Full Governors Meeting of Shelley College Governing Body held at 6.00pm at the School on Thursday 10th December 2015.

PRESENT

Mr N Wilson (Chair), Mrs A A Cooper, Mrs C Cooper-Smith, Mr G Davis, Mrs P Gillespie, Mr J McNally, Mrs A Poppleton, Mr N Siraj

In Attendance

Mrs H Tones, (Minute Clerk)
Mrs C Potterton, Director of Finance
Mr D Wadsworth, Associate Principal

The meeting commenced at 6:00pm.

2643. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DELEGATION OF VOTING RIGHTS

- (a) Apologies were received from Ms T Dunkerley (consent) and Mr B South (consent).
- (b) Ms T Dunkerley had delegated her voting rights to Mrs A Poppleton.
- (c) Ms A Horsfall-Jones declared she was a Governor at Flockton First School

2644. MATTERS FOR ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Governor representation

Prior to the meeting the Chair had communicated to Governors that he was considering stepping down as a Governor due to work and family commitments. Governors discussed the Chair's intentions.

(b) Shelley College Annual Christmas Showcase

2645. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2015

The minutes of the Full GB meeting had been circulated prior.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Annual Full GB meeting held on 17 November 2015 be approved. (Unanimous)

Mrs C Cooper-Smith joined the meeting.

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2646. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Special Educational needs and Disability Policy (minute 2631 refers)

Mr N Siraj informed Governors that he had not been consulted with in his capacity as SEN Governor on the policy formulation and wished for the reference to his input to be removed.

Q: Was the policy an existing policy?

A: The policy was a new one based on new practises introduced over the last 12 months. Shelley College and Heaton Avenue had worked together on the formulation of the policy.

2647. STRATEGIC REVIEW

(a) Shelley Partnership: Commission Report 2015

Governors had been circulated a copy of Mr Peter Laurence's report on Shelley Partnership: Commission Report 2015 prior to the meeting.

Governors expressed their extreme disappointment of the report. The full Governing Body were concerned that:

- (a) No financial consideration of future schools' funding and implications had been reported on nor considered.
- (b) Factual inaccuracy relating to SHARE MAT's willingness for schools to join the MAT (page 12). SHARE MAT were keen for schools to join the MAT.

Governors were surprised that the report had not addressed the core problems facing all schools in the area and that an opportunity to move forward in new ways had been missed.

The Principal welcomed the proposals regarding collaboration but they were not in line with modern educational practise.

The Principal was to attend a meeting with Mr Laurence, Headteachers and Chairs of Governing Bodies of Shelley Partnership on 11th December 2015 at 11:30am. The Chair was unable to attend due to the short notice given by the LA of the meeting.

Governors requested that the Principal raise the above concerns at the meeting and that this be followed by an email to Mr Laurence's on these matters. The Principal agreed to this request.

ACTION: The Principal to verbally feedback the concerns of Governors regarding the report and willingness of SHARE MAT to work with Shelley Partnership schools at the review meeting on 11th December. This was to be followed up with an email to be approved by Governors to Mr Laurence .cc the Shelley Partnership Headteachers and Chairs of Governors.

The Principal reported that a new Headteacher had been appointed at Scissett Middle School and was due to take up their appointment at Easter.



(b) Strategic Review

This items was deemed confidential

The Chair thanked the Principal for his reports.

Governors and the Minute Clerk returned their copies of the confidential strategic plan paper.

2648. APPROVAL OF POLICIES

(a) Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Policy

The policy had been circulated prior to the meeting. This matter had been discussed under Matters Arising (minute 2646 (a) refers)

RESOLVED: The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Policy be adopted subject to the following amendment:

- (i) **Removal of reference to SEND Governor (last sentence of Section 1 refers) (8 For, 1 abstention)**

2649. GOVERNOR TRAINING AND SCHOOL VISITS

(a) Governor Training

- (i) Ms A Horsfall-Jones and Mrs P Gillespie had completed their online PREVENT training. The chair requested that Governors completed the online PREVENT training before the next Full GB meeting.

ACTION: Governors to complete online PREVENT training by 14th January 2016.

