



**THE GOVERNING BODY OF SHELLEY ACADEMY TRUST AND SHELLEY COLLEGE**

**Minutes of the Full Governors Meeting of Shelley College Governing Body held at 6.00pm at the School on Tuesday 23 September 2014.**

PRESENT

Mr N Wilson (Chair), Mrs A A Cooper, Ms T Dunkerley, Mr M Dunstan, Mrs P Gillespie, Mr J McNally, Mr N Siraj, Mr B South.

In Attendance

Mrs H Tones, (Minute Clerk)  
Mrs J Carr, Vice Principal  
Mr S Harrington, Vice Principal  
Mr D Wadsworth, Associate Principal

2445. REPRESENTATION

It was noted that currently there were 8 Governors appointed including the Principal.

2446. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DELEGATION OF VOTING RIGHTS

(a) There were no declarations of interest

2447. ELECTION OF CHAIR

This agenda item was chaired by the Minute Clerk. Mr Wilson was proposed, seconded by Mrs Cooper.

**RESOLVED: That Mr Wilson be elected as Chair of the Full Governing Body for 2014-15. (Unanimous)**

Mr Wilson chaired the rest of the meeting

2448. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Mr South was proposed by Mrs Cooper, seconded by Mr Siraj.

**RESOLVED: That Mr South be elected as Vice-Chair of the Full Governing Body for 2014-15 (Unanimous)**

2449. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS TO BE BOUGHT UP UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) EV1s for student trips relating to Art (London), History (Berlin), one post event that had been run by Kirklees ( Duke of Edinburgh)

(b) Responsible Officer – this was to be taken to be part of agenda item 'To appoint Governors with specific responsibilities' (see minute 2452 below)

2450. PROPOSALS FOR GOVERNING BODY STRUCTURE IN A MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST MODEL (MAT)

The Principal spoke to his proposed MAT structure and MAT meeting pattern that had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Governors discussed the options and impact on existing and prospective Governors. Governors felt that the getting the correct new structure in place for the needs of the MAT and College was key. Governors were re-assured that there was an Exec Board in place on the proposed structure.

The Principal proposed that there be an Audit committee as part of the structure moving forward. Decisions were required as to who to appoint as Trustees and who to join the Membership of the MAT.

**Q: Is this structure that one the Chair and Vice-Chair were seeing the solicitors about?**

**A: This was part of MAT matters being discussed with the solicitors.**

**Q: Can we determine the structure as the Governing Body of Shelley College sits below others?**

**A: Yes as Governors are reviewing the proposal in their capacity as Members.**

**Q: Can a Governor sit on several Governing Bodies?**

**A: This depended on the school situation and where control of the school budget lay.**

**Q: Was the structure similar to that of Executive and Non-Executive Board members?**

**A: Yes. Scrutiny of the individual school lay with the Governing Body of that school and decision on schools link lay with the Board of the MAT.**

It was noted that at Morley a hub of people ran the MAT.

**Q: How do other Governing Bodies react when become part of a MAT?**

**A: Varied depending on the circumstances under which join the MAT.**

Co-operation between schools in a MAT was felt to be key to overall success.

The Principal was to visit an Infant & Junior school that the DfE had requested be become part of the Shelley College MAT.

The Chair and Vice-Chair were due to meet with the solicitors to discuss structure and legality of what could be done and responsibilities placed on Trustees and Governors. A meeting with Heaton Mount was in plan and then a joint meeting of Shelley College & Heaton Mount with solicitors was to follow.

**RESOLVED: That the Governing Body supported the proposed MAT structure (Unanimous).**

2451. REVIEW OF COMMITTEES

Governors discussed the current committees and potential impact of MAT.

**RESOLVED:** That the current committees of Resources & Communications with a sub-committee for Health & Safety and the Quality of Education committee were to continue at this stage and be reviewed after outcomes from the solicitor advice were known. (Unanimous)

**RESOLVED:** That the committee membership for 2014-15 be as follows:

**(a) Resources & Communications Committee**

Mr Mark Dunstan  
Ms Tamsin Dunkerley  
Mr John McNally  
Mr Barry South  
Mr Nick Wilson  
Co-opted: Mrs Helen Cuthill, Mr Steve Harrington, Mrs Cleo Potterton

**(b) Health & Safety Committee**

Mr Naeem Siraj  
Mr Nick Wilson  
Plus staff including Mr Fred Lodge, Mrs Carol Morgan, Mrs Bev Stapleton,  
Mrs Karen Whittaker

**(c) Quality of Education Committee**

Mrs Alwyn Cooper  
Mr Mark Dunstan  
Ms Tamsin Dunkerley  
Mrs Paula Gillespie  
Mr John McNally  
Mr Naeem Siraj  
Co-opted: Mrs Jenny Carr, Mr Dave Wadsworth

**RESOLVED:** That Mrs Carr, Mr Harrington and Mr Wadsworth could vote on matters in committee meeting as long as the number of staff present did not exceed the number of Non-staff Governors.

It was agreed that a review of committee meeting dates would be undertaken after legal advice had been received on the MAT structure.

**ACTION:** The Minute Clerk to provide proposed QofE Committee meeting dates to Mr Dunstan to review due to prior commitments.

Governors discussed the current number of Governors in place. The Principal proposed that College needed another 2 Governors to be appointed.

**RESOLVED:** That the Principal communicate to parents that the Governing Body wished for more (2) Trust Governors to be appointed, with subsequent advert subject to initial response received.

