

Draft Minutes
Extraordinary Meeting of the Governing Body of
ARCHIBALD FIRST SCHOOL
Held on Monday 16 December 2013

Present:

John Davison (Chair), Julia Bayes (Headteacher), Annabel Cornish, Peter Crabtree, Alan Dunlop, John Hulme, Richard Johnston, Hassan Kajee, Sarah Lee, Mark Moss (Associate), Rebecca Turner, Angela Ward

Quorum:

Governors in post = 13: Quorum = 5: Governors in attendance = 12

The meeting was quorate.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Katherine Denham.

2. Declaration of interests

None were received.

3. Appointments/Membership

Alan Dunlop and Hassan Kajee were welcomed as new Parent Governors. John Hulme is mentor for Alan Dunlop and Richard Johnston will mentor Hassan Kajee.

It was formalised at the meeting that Mark Moss will now be Community Governor.

ACTION:

Rebecca Turner to update Annabel Cornish on website as Associate Governor.

Rebecca Turner to update Mark Moss on website as Community Governor.

4. Trust Status

Annabel Cornish updated Governors with regard to the Gosforth Schools' Trust. John Davison discussed the history of exploring school changes to the 2 new Parent Governors Peter Crabtree and Julia Bayes emphasised positive communication between the 3 tiers. The Governors unanimously agreed to approve the resolution to change category and acquire Trust status and agreed to retain on-going LGP's membership..

Approval of Resolution to Change Category and Acquire Trust Status

The Governors unanimously **approve** the following resolution:

'The Governing Body approves that Archibald First School changes category from a Community School to a Foundation School and acquires Trust Status as part of the 'Gosforth Schools Foundation Trust', in partnership with Broadway East First School, Brunton First School, Dinnington First School, Gosforth Central Middle School, Gosforth East Middle School, Gosforth Park First School, Grange First School, Regent Farm First School, South Gosforth First School.

Newcastle upon Tyne Local Authority (the LA) will also be a partner in the Trust. The change of category is to take effect from 1 April 2014.'

Reasons for the Decision

In making the decision, the Governors believe that the change of category and the acquisition of Trust Status in partnership with the other named schools will:

- Raise standards of attainment for pupils through the sharing of best practice, professional development and curriculum support.
- Support the continuity and progression of services across a continuum of need.

- Provide a forum which could voice the interests of pupils and parents/carers through Health, Social Care and Education in pursuit of equity of access to funding, services, resources, grants and planning.
- Promote the sharing of expertise and skills for the benefit of members and the wider school community.

Approval of agreement to retain on-going LGPS membership

The Governors also **unanimously** approve a resolution to formally request that the LA should maintain on-going membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for all current non-teaching staff and to allow entry to the scheme for new appointees.

ACTION:

Julia Bayes to email George and Sheila with decision.

5. Governor Mark

Governor Mark was submitted last week and a receipt has been received. The date of the visit is Friday 31st January 2014 (pm). More details of the visit are needed.

John Hulme, John Davison and Julia Bayes are to request more information.

Formal thanks was expressed to John Hulme for all of his work as well as to Richard Johnston, Angela Ward and John Davison for their input.

ACTION:

Chairs and Vice Chairs to attend the visit (JH, MM, JB and AW. PC and JD to confirm availability)

Rachel Carr to add to the calendar.

Arrange cover for AW and RT pm

6. Modern Governor

Dates were shared with all Governors and everyone has been invited to attend.

Mark Moss asked for FAQ for Governors to be included in the Modern Governor Training.

Julia Bayes stated her confidence in the Governing Body's ability to answer any question.

ACTION:

John Hulme to lead on adding the questions to the Modern Governor Training session.

7. Any Other Business

Richard Johnston: Salter's Road Crossing. Feedback from communications with LA. Yellow lines possibly to be painted in New Year. Still issues regarding ability to recruit school crossing support staff at the LA.

ACTION:

Richard Johnston to pursue this and contact LA to ask timeline for consultation.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm