

HADRIAN LEARNING TRUST

Minutes for Meeting of Board of Trustees

6pm, Wednesday 8 May 2019

In attendance: Simon Kitchman (SKi), David Hartland (DH), Graeme Atkins (GA), Tony Brown (TB), Sarah Kemp (SKe), Veryan Johnston (VJ), Jonathan Holmes (JH), Barbara Hignett (BH), Kate Chaplin (KC)

Also attending: Charlotte Gaines (CG, Clerk to Trust Board), James Andriot (JA, Head of School), Sarah Sparke (SS, Chief Financial Officer)

Part 1 Classified Non-Confidential

1) Apologies

No apologies for non-attendance were received.

2) Declaration of pecuniary, business or personal interests

No declarations of pecuniary, business or personal interest were made in addition to those already recorded in the Register of Interests.

3) Minutes of meetings - approval and matters arising

The Minutes of the following meetings, having been circulated to Trustees, were adopted as a true record:

- Hadrian Learning Trust Board – 20 March 2019 – Part 1

SKi noted that governance 360 reviews have commenced. There is an intention to complete the reviews by the end of the summer term.

4) Ofsted inspections

a) QEHS

GA advised trustees that the final letter had been received and contained many positive comments, despite the narrow scope of the inspection. He advised that senior leaders had been re-visiting strategies to address concerns relating to the attendance and progress of disadvantaged pupils, which had been discussed with monitoring group. SKi asked that senior leaders' plans be presented at a future monitoring group meeting.

GA/JA

JA noted that the Progress 8 score achieved by QEHS in 2018 places the school at the top end of all schools rated "good" the previous year and in the middle of those rated "outstanding".

GA noted the positive comments regarding governance in the letter.

b) HMS

GA advised that the draft letter had been received. BH and KC noted the positive comments expressed at the feedback session. GA will circulate the final version of the letter on receipt, for fuller consideration in due course.

GA

Trustees asked that their thanks be passed on to staff at both schools, and noted that the richness of the offer at each school was not fully reflected in either inspection.

5) Stakeholder engagement

BH advised that she had taken a group of students to a Music Partnership event at St Joseph's Middle School.

DH advised that the spring concert had been excellent.

Trustees asked to be sent details of upcoming events. GA advised these are:

- Art Exhibition at the Queens Hall
- QEHS Art Show in the Art Department
- HMS Music Evening
- QEHS Celebration Evening

CG to circulate dates.

CG

6) Urgent business with agreement of the Chair

None.

Close and confirm date of next meeting

Part 1 of the meeting was concluded.

The next Part 1 meeting will take place on Thursday 13 June 2019.

Trustees moved onto Part 2 of the agenda.