

HADRIAN LEARNING TRUST

Minutes for Meeting of Board of Trustees

6pm, Wednesday 7 July 2021

Fellside Hall, HMS

In attendance: Graeme Atkins (GA, Exec Head), David Hartland (DH, Chair), Sarah Kemp (SKe), Veryan Johnston (VJ), Johnathan Holmes (JH), Barbara Hignett (BH), Kate Chaplin (KCh) Kim Cowie (KCo)

Also attending: Charlotte Gaines (CG, Clerk to Trust Board), Neil Seaton (NS, HoS QE), Liam Watters (LW, HoS HMS), Sarah Spark (SS, CFO)

Part 1 Classified Non-Confidential

1) Apologies

Apologies were received from Tony Brown (TB), and Patrick Ferguson (PF). Trustees welcomed KCo and introduced themselves.

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

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

- Hadrian Learning Trust Board – 16 June 2021 – Part 1

Matters arising

BH asked for an update regarding summer catch up work due to take place at St Joseph's. GA advised that this will no longer be able to take place due to building works at St Joseph's.

BH advised that SKe, BH and VJ met with Hattie Curry (Assistant Headteacher) yesterday regarding the ethos. A paper will be circulated to Trustees by the end of term. SKe suggested Members should be advised, which can happen when they visit in September.

GA

4) School updates

LW provided an update on covid cases and contacts. Those having to isolate are accessing remote learning. Assessments are taking place to enable gap analysis, with subsequent catch-up action plans being prepared for September.

Senior leaders have been involved in teaching and learning strategy days to shape the Trust's approach to further developing the quality of teaching across both schools.

Students have been to the Sele Park to carry out improvements including litter picking and new signage, supported by the local council.

Virtual activities will take place for transfer day for year 5 and the 18 new pupils in other years. 120 parents attended a zoom call for current parents regarding the new site.

GA advised trustees that there will be two parts to the photographic record of the current HMS site: one of the buildings and one of life at school.

NS provided an update on QEHS. There has been a resurgence of cases at QEHS leading to a high number of contacts needing to isolate. He advised that students are doing well in remote lessons and noted that the work is provided only to those isolating in line with DfE guidance. Attendance remains good.

CAGs are showing slightly higher grades than last year. Evidence has been submitted and no further information has been requested.

JH asked for details on the catch-up plan. NS provided an update and advised that two intervention support teachers were being recruited to provide additional support for students who have fallen behind in maths and English.

SKe asked what activity will take place at the end of term. NS advised that the art exhibition will be online, the celebration evening will be recorded and a remote charity day is being planned. NS also advised that a montage of student successes is being collated.

VJ asked for the Trustees' thanks to be passed to JM for her work across both schools, in advance of her retirement.

GA thanked SKe, KCh and DH for forming the panel for the recent permanent exclusion.

5) Academy Trust Handbook

Trustees acknowledged circulation of the Academies Trust Handbook and noted the requirement to tender for an external auditor this year.

6) Stakeholder engagement

GA invited trustees to meet with senior leaders in September to see the new facilities and meet senior staff for a presentation on key priorities for the year ahead. Invitations to be circulated. DH advised that the official opening would take place after Phase 2 of the project, in the late spring.

GA

7) Urgent business with agreement of Chair

None.

Close and confirm date of next meeting

Part 1 of the meeting was concluded.

The date of the next Part 1 meeting is 22 September 2021.

Trustees moved onto Part 2 of the agenda.