

Batley Multi Academy Trust

Meeting of the Batley Girls' High School (BGHS) Local Governing Body

Held electronically

Initial scheduled date and time: Thursday 19 March 2020 at 6:00pm

GOVERNORS:	
Pamela Pickles (PP) (Chair)	Janice O'Hanlon (JOH)
Stephanie Holt (SH)	Michelle Barker (MBa)
Carole Sallery (CS)	Inam Laher (IL)
Sajid Ghani (SG)	Fozia Riaz (FR)
Ahmed Vali (AV) Vice-Chair	Jean May (JM)

1.	Introduction	Action
	<p>Given the current COVID-19 pandemic, it was agreed to not hold the LGB meeting in school, but to invite all Governors to comment and feedback on board documents via email.</p> <p>All documentation had been shared with Governors two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date. Feedback had been requested by Monday 23 March.</p>	
2.	Apologies for Absence, Consent and Declarations of Interest	
	<p>Apologies for absence - N/A</p> <p>Governors did not declare any conflicts of interest.</p>	
3.	Representation	
	Nothing to report.	
4.	Minutes of the LGB Meeting held on 21 November 2019	
	Governors agreed these were a true and accurate record.	
5.	Matters Arising	
	Governors requested the holistic curriculum infographic to be displayed in all classrooms.	JCH/DC
6.	Finance Update	

	Governors thanked the Finance team for the thorough report, which confirmed the school was currently in a healthy position. It was noted that future funding would appear to show more challenges ahead.	
7.	Co-Heads' Report	
	<p>Governors commented the report was thorough, informative and provided a 'feel-good' factor.</p> <p>Specific comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent progress and development in every aspect of school life for the benefit of our students and staff. • External links with outside agencies and International recognition at conferences is commendable. • ACTL meetings – 'Developing home study as an integral form of learning' – extremely valuable – could this be developed further for CPD future meetings? • Developments on the website redesign project should be given a high priority – it currently is outdated and does not truly reflect the outstanding nature of BGHS. • World Book Day - would it be possible to mark this day with just the teachers dressing up and maybe encouraging students to do a book swap? • The new proposals regarding the role of the Form Tutor look really positive. • Structural changes to the school, including the examination hall, will be beneficial to both staff and students. • Further work to be carried out by the HR team in relation to reviewing illnesses and any stress-related absences should be closely monitored. 	<p>DG</p> <p>JCH/DC</p> <p>JCH/DC</p> <p>HR team</p>
8.	Fair Access Protocol	
	Governors agreed to the Fair Access Protocol put forward by the Local Authority.	
9a.	Strategic Discussion - Changes to the School Day	
	<p>Governors APPROVED the proposed changes to the school day from September 2020.</p> <p>To note: Strategic Discussion will be a standing item at LGB meetings going forward.</p>	
9b.	Strategic Discussion - 2020/21 Term Dates	
	No comments and APPROVED.	
9c.	Strategic Discussion - Inspection Data Summary Report	
	Data for the IDSR was released in Feb 2020. Governors to discuss this further at a later date.	
9d.	School Development Plan/Self Evaluation Form (SEF)	
	Governors agreed this was clear and linked to the SEF well. Outcomes to be discussed further.	
10.	Compliance	
	1) Designated Teacher for Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children	

	<p>IT WAS AGREED to pass with no amendments.</p> <p>2) Sixth Form Admissions Policy 2021/22 IT WAS AGREED to pass with no amendments.</p> <p>3) Anti-Bullying IT WAS AGREED to pass with no amendments.</p>	
11.	Safeguarding	
	<p>Governors were concerned about the increasing number of safeguarding and mental health reports provided within the report.</p> <p>Additional information on the restock of epi-pens was requested.</p> <p>Governors agreed it was useful to maintain regular updates on safeguarding issues.</p>	GEH
12.	Forensic Review - Governor Feedback	
	Individual responses were collected and shared with members of staff, where appropriate.	
13.	AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reminder to complete governance audits ● Reminder for any outstanding pen portraits <p>Due to the cancellation of all exams (SATs, GCSEs and A-Levels) across the board, information on what this will now look like was requested, when agreed and released by the DfE.</p> <p>An update on school meals was also requested.</p>	<p>JCH/DC</p> <p>ABr</p>