

Batley Multi Academy Trust

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

Held at BGHS on Thursday 21 November 2019 at 6:00pm

Part A

GOVERNORS PRESENT:	
Pamela Pickles (PP) (Chair)	Janice O'Hanlon (JOH)
Stephanie Holt (SH)	Michelle Barker (MBa)
Carole Sallery (CS)	Inam Laher (IL)
GOVERNOR APOLOGIES:	
Sajid Ghani (SG)	Fozia Riaz (FR)
Ahmed Vali (AV) Vice-Chair	Jean May (JM)
IN ATTENDANCE:	
Julie Haigh (JCH) (Co-Head)	David Cooper (DC) (Co-Head)
Laura Bland (LB) (Clerk)	

1.	Chair's Welcome	Action
	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	Apologies for Absence, Consent and Declarations of Interest	
	Apologies had been received from Sajid Ghani, Jean May and Fozia Riaz, with consent. LB to follow up with AV. The Chair confirmed the meeting was quorate and there were no declarations of interest.	LB
3.	Representation	
	The Chair confirmed the official appointment of Mr Laher as co-opted Governor, effective 01/10/2019, for a four year term.	
4.	Minutes of the LGB Meeting held on 26 September 2019	
	IT WAS AGREED that the minutes should be approved as a true record and these were signed off by the Chair.	
5.	Matters Arising	

	<p>PP confirmed she had contacted Jonathan Barber on behalf of the board.</p> <p>DC explained students to carry their own epipens and the Healthcare Support Worker keeps a spare.</p> <p>With regards to governor school visits, it was agreed governors would attend (where possible), the relevant work scrutiny meetings. Invites to follow from LB.</p> <p>IL/JCH and DC to agree relevant link.</p>	<p>LB</p> <p>IL/JCH/DC</p>
6.	Finance Update (JCH)	
	<p>JCH confirmed the Trust were audited earlier in the month. Some minor queries had been raised, but these were not BGHS specific. The audit went very well.</p> <p>The final audit report is yet to be finalised. This will then be presented to Trustees later in the month.</p>	
7.	Governance (LB)	
	<p>All Governors were provided with a copy of the Code of Conduct to read, sign and return to LB.</p> <p>LB presented all with the GDPR: One Year On presentation.</p> <p>LB to follow up with absent governors.</p>	<p>LB</p>
8.	Co-Heads Report (JCH/DC)	
	<p>JCH/DC and summarised the key headlines only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exam results - top of Kirklees' table (based on provisional results) ● A Level results fell into the top 25% nationally. ● Progress overall = +0.7 ● Disadvantaged progress score = +0.61 ● 0 x Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs) this year. ● Attendance overall is slightly down. However, there has been an increase in term time holiday requests and more fixed term exclusions. ● Whole school focus is memory retrieval. <p><u>Strategic Discussion - Curriculum Policy</u></p> <p>JCH proposed a further amended policy (following the last meeting) which Governors agreed was simpler. It was agreed the policy would be shared at Parents Forum too.</p> <p>Governors requested the Holistic Curriculum infographic be shared with all staff and on show in all classrooms.</p> <p>Governors AGREED to APPROVE the policy with no further amendments.</p> <p>Governors worked together and discussed various suggestions put forward in relation to wider curriculum enrichment.</p>	

9.	Safeguarding Update (PP)	
	PP updated all on behalf of Jean May.	
10.	Compliance Update	
	<p>1) Medical and First Aid Policy IT WAS AGREED to pass with no amendments.</p> <p>2) Curriculum Policy IT WAS AGREED to pass with no further amendments - as above.</p>	
11.	AOB	
	Governors received copies of the Autumn Trust Heads Up and newly formatted Trust Development Plan outline.	
12.	Date of next meeting	
	Thursday 19th March 2020 - 6:00pm	
13.	Agenda, Minutes and Related Papers	
	IT WAS DETERMINED the safeguarding report should form Part B owing to reasons of confidentiality and therefore be excluded from the copy to be made available at the school, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.	
	Meeting closed at 7.30pm	