

MINUTES of an extraordinary meeting of the governors of Parc Eglos School
held at the school on 18th October 2016 at 5.30pm

PRESENT: Mr Marc Talbot (Chair)
 Mr Brett Dye (Head)
 Mr Stewart Paterson
 Mrs Julia Worsdell
 Mr Peter Jenkinson
 Mrs Karen Harrison

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Luke Haslam (Clerk)

		ACTION
1.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Tom Tripp, Mr Andrew O'Neill and Mr John White.</p>	
2.	<p>CONSULTATION OUTCOMES</p> <p>The chair advised governors that no feedback had been received from two local consultation meetings held at Parc Eglos.</p> <p>Governors noted that details of the consultation had been circulated by letter, newsletter and by email to staff.</p>	
3.	<p>FEEDBACK FROM MAT DOCUMENTATION REVIEW</p> <p>Governors discussed a number of meetings that had been held to discuss conversion and the proposed Scheme of Delegated Authority and Articles of Association. As part of these talks a meeting had been brokered between the Chair of Finance and MAT Finance Director. It was felt this had given sufficient assurances that there would be no additional financial negative impact on the school as a result of conversion.</p> <p>The Chair advised governors that clarification had been sought on a number of items, although he had been advised by the MAT legal team that the content of the Articles of Association had little scope for change as this was a legal document that would need to closely adhere to DFE standards.</p> <p>Clarification had been sought on procedure should the school or local board hold a concern about trustees of the MAT, if this came about then contacting the members of the MAT board would be the next step.</p>	

	<p>The number of members/trustees assigned to Askel Veur had been queried due to a significant membership compared to the number of church schools/children in those schools. This was because the land of those schools and religious character of those schools had to remain under the diocese of Truro, while it was felt the co-operative values would prevent changes to either of these governors recognised the rationale behind this requirement.</p> <p>A query on finances had been investigated regarding deficit budgets, the response had been that any deficit would belong to individual schools and not be carried by other schools within the MAT. Governors recognised Parc Eglos posed some concerns but held a 3 year budget which was projected to recover any deficit.</p>	
4.	<p>DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON APPROVING DRAFT OF LEGAL TRANSFER</p> <p>Governors discussed concerns around the decline of the Local Authority and shrinking number of schools under their umbrella.</p> <p>Governors asked the head for his view on the MAT and hub structure, BD responded that he felt Parc Eglos could be a leading influence on the trust and within their own hub and that much of the role and structure already exists through support given to other schools and networks within the co-operative trust.</p> <p>Governors noted that the Regional Schools Commissioner had made it clear that conversion of underperforming or coasting schools was very much on the agenda. It was also noted that while the government had backed away from forcing all schools to convert to academy status, new criteria that could force schools under diminished or failing local authorities to convert posed an additional risk of being forced to convert in future.</p> <p>Mr Dye recused himself from voting on the basis of a conflict of interest with his potential role as a Hub Leader.</p> <p>Governors RESOLVED to request that Browne Jacobson proceed with drafting the transfer agreement to put the school in position to convert to the cooperative MAT on 1st February 2017, should the board of governors resolve to do so.</p>	

The meeting concluded at 6.15pm

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Chair's Initials.....