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Key actions and decisions from the Trustees meeting on the 14th September 2023 at 7pm via Zoom

No	ITEM	Actions
7	Minutes were approved and will be signed by the Chair of Trustees via Governor Hub.	Chair
9	Child protection policy/ Whistleblowing policy/ Governance Framework - The policy will be sent by the clerk to the COO once safeguarding governors added. And it will be updated on Governor Hub and Every.	Clerk - completed
	Trustees were made aware of the National College course which is available regarding Understanding Whistleblowing for Academies.	All Trustees
10	COO / SENCo performance management - next Resources Committee meeting	Clerk (Res Agenda)
	Roles put on hold until the governance review is completed by the Chairs	Chair of Trustees
	COO to review the cost of professional health and safety audits being completed.	coo
	Nurole Trustee recruitment - The Chair and CEO will review and report back.	Chair of Trustees/ CEO
	The accounts will need to be sent October/ November to the Auditors(as part of their Audit planning letter) - Chairs of committees will prepare and review by the 20 th October 2023 and send to the Chair of Trustees for Trustees	Chairs of com
	Board compliance in all non-financial areas - The Resources Committee will review.	Res Com
	Schedule needs review - indicate n/a where there is no requirement to be compliant. The COO will action	coo
	Review of Local Governance - The Chair of Trustees will organise a meeting	Chair of Trustees
	All Trustees to complete by the 22 nd September 2023 Complete pecuniary interests and provide updated contact details Sign all confirmations on Governor Hub Complete diversity information on Governor Hub	All Trustees
11	Plan for a conscious move to increased independence between the Trust board and the Executive – time will be set aside at the end of the meetings moving forward for discussion without the Executive in attendance.	Clerk (Standing agenda item)
	The feedback will be incorporated into the Trust five year plan by the COO	coo
14	Trustees agreed in principle to process the teachers pay changes once approved so that they can be actioned as quickly as possible. The COO will update.	COO
15	Trustees requested it be added to the risk register as a low risk as the surveys have been carried out.	coo
	Succession planning – Trustees asked that the trend be reduced from increasing to stable as there has been work completed by the Chair.	coo
16	The Trustees will be sent a link to register and complete their statutory safeguarding training for 2023/24 by the 20 th October 2023.	All Trustees
17	Safeguarding visit to be booked with the CEO by Sally Newing	CEO/ Sally Newing

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TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES HELD on the 14th September 2023 at 7pm via Zoom

Name	Trustee Role	Attended
Morgan Bone	Trustee	Attended
Sharon Carlyon (COO)	Company Secretary	Attended
Andrew Chappell	Trustee	Attended
Claire Edwards	Trustee	Attended
Martin Goodman	Co-opted Trustee	Attended
Emma Hill	Co-opted Trustee	Attended
Liz Jones	Trustee	Apologies - sabbatical
Emma Lad (Clerk)	Clerk	Attended
Elizabeth Leeman (Chair)	Trustee	Attended
Sanjay Mazumder	Trustee	Attended
Sally Newing	Trustee	Attended
Elizabeth Redman	Trustee	Attended
James Roach (CEO)	CEO and Trustee	Attended
In attendance:		
Seb Grey	Prospective Trustee	Attended

Beechfield School – BFS Cherry Tree School – CTS Laurance Haines School – LHS BFS Headteacher – Gillian Jackson CTS Headteacher – Cheska Tyler LHS Headteacher – Jo Ball Trustee challenge is highlighted in yellow Governor/ Trustee actions are highlighted in italics

Please see Appendix B: Discussion from Governor Hub ahead of the meeting

Meeting started 7.02pm

No	ITEM	Action
Proc	edural edural	
1	Welcome and Introductions	
	The clerk welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	Apologies for absence and acceptance of those absences	
	Seb Grey will join the meeting at 7.30pm as a prospective co-opted Trustee. Iram Ali has had her baby so was unable to observe the meeting .	

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	Trustees approved Liz Jones taking a sabbatical for the Autumn term.	
3	Declarations of Conflicts of Interest	
	There were no conflicts of interest declared.	
4	Review Pecuniary Interests	
	There were no further declarations of interest further to those on Governor Hub.	
5	Notice of Any Other Business	
	There was no notification of any other business.	
6	Election of Chair and Vice Chair	
	Elizabeth Leeman was elected Chair for a term of one year. Andrew Chappell was elected Vice Chair for a term of one year.	
	Term of office discussion - https://www.nga.org.uk/media/wzmhmx4u/nga-finding-next-chair-20220915.pdf . Trustees noted the NGA recommendation concerning the term of office.	
7	Minutes of the meeting held on 6 th July 2023	
	Minutes were approved and will be signed by the Chair of Trustees via Governor Hub.	Chair
8	Matters Arising from the meeting 6 th July 2023 – see supporting document	
	All matters arising are completed or agenda items – see appendix A	
	rnance – 20 mins	
9	Policy Review – see supporting document	
	7.10pm Seb Grey joined the meeting	
	Agree cycle of policy review 2023/24 - Approved by Trustees for use	
	Child Protection and Safeguarding policy	
	<u>Trustees approved the Child protection policy for use until September 2024. The policy will be sent by the clerk to the COO once safeguarding governors added. And it will be updated on Governor Hub and Every.</u>	Clerk
	Trustees questioned the understanding of the board for the new filtering and monitoring requirements as a result of KCSIE. The clerk explained this area is covered in the safeguarding training from the National College via Governor Hub.	
	Whistleblowing	
	Trustees approved the Whistleblowing policy for use until September 2024. The policy will be	
	updated on Governor Hub and Every. Trustees were made aware of the National College course which is available regarding Understanding Whistleblowing for Academies.	Clerk

KE	Y: Approval Information For feedback/questions	Action
	Governance Framework Trustees discussed whether the document required review and felt that at present it represents the work within the Trust. Trustees approved the Governance Framework for use until September 2024. The policy will be updated on Governor Hub and Every.	All Trustees
		Clerk
10	Governance - see supporting document	
	 Approve <u>annual plan of business for 2023-24 –</u> approved for use by Trustees Ratify Committee Chairs Resources – Morgan Bone Education – Andrew Chappell 	
	 Ratify <u>committee membership</u> Resources – Morgan Bone, Claire Edwards, Sarah Hamilton, Liz Leeman, Sanjay Mazumder, James Roach, Martin Goodman 	
	Education – Andrew Chappell, Emma Hill, Liz Jones, Sally Newing, James Roach,	
	CEO Performance Management – Liz Leeman, Andrew Chappell	
	The Trustees on the COO / SENCo performance management are to be discussed at the next Resources Committee meeting	Clerk (Res Agenda)
	 Agree Linked trustees' roles Trustees discussed how the roles had worked over the last year and what would work effectively moving forward for the next year. The responsibility and impact required from Trustees and governors were discussed. Ensuring statutory roles are completed with the Trust is key but also that those completing the roles have the necessary skills. 	
	The following roles were agreed moving forward:	
	Safeguarding – to be linked to Sally Newing whilst Liz Jones is on sabbatical.	
	Roles put on hold until the governance review is completed by the Chairs:	Chair of Trustees
	 Facilities – COO to review the cost of professional health and safety audits being completed. 	coo
	Equality, Diversity and InclusionFinance	
	Grant funding Leadarship Appraisal	
	Leadership AppraisalPeople Strategy	
	Sustainability	
	Pastoral care – to be considered as part of the review	
	Member and Trustee recruitment Iram Ali and Seb Grey are prospective Trustees. <u>Seb Grey has sent his application</u> which is available on Governor Hub. A review of the skills audit results will be carried out and Trustees agreed it would be pertinent to have another governor who has taken a school into a Trust. Nurole have approached the COO regarding supporting with Trustee	

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		recruitment and a company supporting the recruitment will be considered. The Chair and CEO will review and report back.	Chair of Trustees/ CEO
	•	Succession planning was discussed and Trustees will take into account with the governance review taking place.	
	•	Trustee report for annual accounts – The accounts will need to be sent October/ November to the Auditors(as part of their Audit planning letter) so that they can be reviewed before submission to the ESFA on the 31 st December 2023. Chairs of committees will prepare and review by the 20 th October 2023 and send to the Chair of Trustees for Trustees	Chairs of
	•	Review Schedule of 'Musts' 2023 and Accounts planning calendar 23-24	com
		The COO explained that the documents are useful for the Trustees to ensure they are confident the Trust is complaint across all areas and aligned with the Trust Handbook.	
		Trustees questioned whether the Board was compliant in all non-financial areas. The COO explained that there have been appropriate external reviews but that it could be helpful to have further discussion with providers to see how the scope could be increased. The Resources Committee will review.	Resources Com
		T: How are we compliant with the notice to improve if we have never had a notice to improve? COO: All notices to improve are sent to Trustees and any implications or improvements are considered and implemented. T: Suggest the Schedule needs review to indicate n/a where there is no requirement to be compliant with the requirement because it either does not apply to our Trust situation	
		or the event has not occurred. The COO will action	coo
	•	Review of Local Governance – discussed previously. A local governance working party will review the systems, Local Governance Roles and responsibilities and terms of reference in place. Members will include the local chairs, Andrew Chappell, the CEO, and COO and a HT who will consult with local governors by the end of February half term. The Chair of Trustees will organise a meeting	Chair of Trustees
	•	Review Academy Trust Handbook. The COO outlined key changes.	
		 All Trustees to complete by the 22nd September 2023 Complete pecuniary interests and provide updated contact details Sign all confirmations on Governor Hub Complete diversity information on Governor Hub 	All Trustees
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11	Tru	st Board Chair report	
		 For information – discussed at the Trustee day Trustee Day notes Inclusive MAT 5 year plan draft revised 	
		 Trustee Day July 2023 including Governance CEO to update Trust plan The skills audit has been posted on Governor Hub for Trustee review. 	CEO
			Clerk (Standing

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	The f	board and the moving forw. The Trust Board and felt that the reasoluscus. Consider Sudevelopmen Actively dive. Opportunitie	ne Executive – time will be ard for discussion without pard engages more with governance networks to requirements need to be assions and ccession planning to allow to this is an on-going piersify the boards – on-go	ing piece of work s – continuing piece of work	r ,
Trus	t Prioriti	ies – 20 minutes			
12			sed under other agenda	items	
13	Work	king group feedback –	Trust Growth		
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	CON	FIDENTIAL ITEM – SEI	E PART TWO MINUTES	3	
14	Staff	Pay – approval in princ	ciple		
	increa by No Trust they of The s be ful	ase. The agreement has been been agreed in principle can be actioned as quick support staff pay is still the information brough	s to go through the Parlist has always agreed to to process the teachers ckly as possible. The CO	TRB recommendation of a 6.5% pay amentary process and should be agre follow the STRB recommendations. pay changes once approved so that O will update. The control of the	coo
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15	High The (COO there no R/ when Trust carrie	COO updated regarding has already had a form is no RAAC in the school AAC in the building. How requested. The requested it be added out.	nal survey completed and pols. The Trust has also wever HCC declined to place to the risk register as	have been in the press recently. The d there has been verbal confirmation t been contacted by HCC to say there is provide the Trust with the actual reports a low risk as the surveys have been	s t
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	Trustees will be sen 2023/24 by the 20 th	t a link to re October 20 October ha	s been cancelled to potentially allow Trustees to meet with	All Trustees
17	Trustee link visit u	pdates - <u>s</u>	see supporting document	
	Trust role descriptor	s and mode	el visit forms	050/0-11-
	Safeguarding visit to	be booked	d with the CEO by Sally Newing	CEO/ Sally Newing
18	Any other Busines None requested at t		ng of the meeting.	
19	Dete	Ctaut	Manting	
	Date Thu 5 Oct 2023	Start 19:00	Meeting Inclusive MAT Education Committee meeting	
	111d 3 Oct 2023	19.00	inclusive MAT Education Committee meeting	
	Tue 10 Oct 2023	19:00	Meeting with a prospective schools governors TBC	
	Wed 18 Oct 2023	11:00	Inclusive MAT Resources Committee meeting	
	Wed 1 Nov 2023	10:00	Inclusive MAT Chairs meeting	
	Thu 23 Nov 2023	19:00	Inclusive MAT Education Committee meeting	
	Wed 29 Nov 2023	11:00	Inclusive MAT Resources Committee meeting	
	Thu 7 Dec 2023	19:00	Inclusive MAT Trust board meeting	
	Tue 12 Dec 2023	18:00	Inclusive MAT AGM – apologies Andrew Chappell	
	Wed 31 Jan 2024	10:00	Inclusive MAT Chairs meeting	
	Tue 5 Mar 2024	19:00	Inclusive MAT Trustee and governor training	
	Thu 14 Mar 2024	19:00	Inclusive MAT Education Committee meeting	
	Wed 20 Mar 2024	11:00	Inclusive MAT Resources Committee meeting	
	Thu 28 Mar 2024	19:00	Inclusive MAT Trust board meeting	
	Tue 14 May 2024	19:00	Inclusive MAT Trustee and governor training	

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	Wed	l 26 Jun 2024	10:00	Inclusive MAT Cha	irs meeting	
	Wed	I 26 Jun 2024	11:00	Inclusive MAT Reso	ources Committee meeting	
	Thu	27 Jun 2024	19:00	Inclusive MAT Educ	cation Committee meeting	
	Th	u 4 Jul 2024	19:00	Inclusive MAT Trus	t board meeting	
	Fri	12 Jul 2024	16:00	Inclusive MAT Trus	tee open day	
20		s to be taken to erning Committe			urces Committee or the Local	
	Finar	nce Committee -	<u>Schedul</u>	e of Musts		
				- Safeguarding governo d on Governor Hub an	ors to be added to the Child Protection d Every.	on
21	Trus	tee discussion	without	the Executive Team		
	8.42ր	om Seb Grey, C	EO and	COO left the meeting		
	Meet	ing ended: 8.49	pm			

. Matters a	rising from 06.07.23		Outcome/ response/ agenda item
Various	 To be reviewed at the Trust day Term of office for the chair as part of the larger governance review. Working group feedback –Trust Growth Governance section of the strategic priorities National College training package presentation. Link roles 	Trust day	Completed
8	Terms of reference to be approved via Governor Hub after discussion and sent to the clerk for update on Governor Hub and Every by the COO. Trustees approved the Reserves policy for use until July 2024. The policy will be sent to the clerk by the COO to update on Governor Hub and Every. COO to add 'The Resources Committee will set an in-year surplus target annually in the Spring term' to the work plan	COO/ Clerk	Completed
9	Emma Hill and Morgan Bone have been asked to send through their completed skills audit. The clerk will send diversity information details for the review and update of Governor Hub over the summer holidays.	Emma Hill/ Morgan Bone Clerk	Completed Agenda iter
10	There has been confirmation that the bank account only has protection up to £85,000 after clarification was sought at the Resources Committee. The COO has spoken to other Trusts and they are all solely banking with Lloyds. Lloyds is a highly rated bank which minimises the risk to the Trust finances. The cap on banking protection at £85,000 will be added to the risk register as a low risk moving forward by the COO.	COO	Completed
12	The clerk will notify the BFS governing board of the decision to release funds for 2023/24.	Clerk	Completed

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17	The clerk will contact the Trustees where training needs to be completed/ updated.	Clerk	Completed
20	The clerk will make the Trustees aware once the dates have been updated on Governor Hub.	Clerk	Completed

9. Policies to be approved				
Policy	Owner	Approving Body	Date	Approved date
Financial Operations Handbook	Sharon Carlyon	Executive Leadership	31/08/2023	31/08/2023 - SC
Marketing overview	Sharon Carlyon	Executive Leadership	31/08/2023	
Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Trust Board	23/09/2023	14/09/2023 – Trust board
Business Continuity Plan	Sharon Carlyon	Resources Committee	30/09/2023	
Governance Framework	Sharon Carlyon	Trust Board	30/09/2023	14/09/2023 – Trust board
Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022	Emma Lad	Trust Board	30/09/2023	14/09/2023 – Trust board
Alcohol, Drugs and Gambling at Work Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Executive Leadership	01/10/2023	
Anti Bullying Policy	James Roach	Executive Leadership	01/10/2023	
Bullying and Harassment Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Executive Leadership	01/10/2023	
Capability Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Resources Committee	01/10/2023	
Grievance Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Resources Committee	01/10/2023	
Health and Attendance Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Executive Leadership	01/10/2023	
Inclusion	Lizzie Butler	Education committee	01/10/2023	
Investment Management Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Resources Committee	01/10/2023	
Looked After Children and Previously Looked after Children Policy	James Roach	Education committee	01/10/2023	
Probationary Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Executive Leadership	01/10/2023	
Risk Management Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Resources Committee	01/10/2023	
Risk Management Strategy	Sharon Carlyon	Resources Committee	01/10/2023	
Safer Recruitment Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Executive Leadership	01/10/2023	

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Staff Special payments policy	Sharon Carlyon	Resources Committee	01/10/2023	
Data and Cyber security Policy	James Roach	Resources Committee	04/10/2023	
Executive Pay Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Trust Board	31/10/2023	
Health and Safety Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Resources Committee	31/10/2023	
Leave of Absence Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Resources Committee	31/10/2023	
Trust Social Media Guide	Sharon Carlyon	Executive Leadership	16/11/2023	
Attendance Policy	James Roach	Education committee	30/11/2023	
Whistleblowing Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Trust Board	30/11/2023	
Data Protection	Sharon Carlyon	Resources Committee	01/12/2023	
Data Records Management and Retention Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Executive Leadership	01/12/2023	
Environmental Sustainability Policy	James Roach	Trust Board	01/12/2023	
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy and plan	James Roach	Trust Board	01/12/2023	
Offsite Visits and Learning Outside of the Classroom Policy	James Roach	Executive Leadership	01/12/2023	
Social Media Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Executive Leadership	01/12/2023	
Policy	Owner	Approving Body	Date	
	SPRING and SUMME	R TERM		
Allegations of abuse against staff policy	James Roach	Executive Leadership	31/01/2024	
Low level safeguarding policy	James Roach	Executive Leadership	31/01/2024	
Online Safety Policy	James Roach	Executive Leadership	31/01/2024	
PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) Policy Including Relationship, Sex and Health Education	James Roach	Education committee	31/01/2024	
Budget Planning Guide	Sharon Carlyon	Executive Leadership	01/03/2024	

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Code of Conduct for Parents and Carers	James Roach	Executive Leadership	01/03/2024	
Pupil premium policy	James Roach	Education committee	01/03/2024	
Shared Parental Leave (Adoption) Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Executive Leadership	01/03/2024	
Shared Parental Leave (Birth) Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Executive Leadership	01/03/2024	
Trustee and Governor Visits Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Trust Board	01/03/2024	
Charging and Remissions Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Resources Committee	31/03/2024	
Managing Aggressive Adults	James Roach	Executive Leadership	31/03/2024	
Pay Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Trust Board	31/03/2024	
Complaints Policy	James Roach	Education committee	01/05/2024	
Gifts and Hospitality Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Executive Leadership	01/05/2024	
Lettings Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Executive Leadership	01/06/2024	
Accounting Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Resources Committee	30/06/2024	
Appraisal Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Resources Committee	30/06/2024	
Local Governor Recruitment Brochure	Sharon Carlyon	Executive Leadership	30/06/2024	
Parent and Staff Governors Election Guidance	Sharon Carlyon	Executive Leadership	30/06/2024	
Reserves Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Resources Committee	31/07/2024	
Admissions Arrangements (Nursery) 2023/24	Sharon Carlyon	Executive Leadership	31/08/2024	
Admissions Arrangements 2023/24	Sharon Carlyon	Trust Board	31/08/2024	
Freedom of Information Policy	Sharon Carlyon	Executive Leadership	31/08/2024	
Privacy Notice for Governors, Trustees and other Volunteers	Sharon Carlyon	Executive Leadership	31/08/2024	
Privacy Notice for pupils	Sharon Carlyon	Executive Leadership	31/08/2024	
Privacy Notice School Workforce	Sharon Carlyon	Executive Leadership	31/08/2024	

Trust action from Annual Planner

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TRUST ACTION

Complete Autumn census

To read:

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