

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL
Wednesday, 15 June 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors of the City of London School held at City of London School, Queen Victoria Street, EC4V 3AL on Wednesday, 15 June 2016 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Ian Seaton	Edward Lord
Deputy Dr Giles Shilson	Christopher Martin (External Member)
Deputy Billy Dove	Sylvia Moys
Keith Bottomley	Deputy Joyce Nash
Marianne Fredericks	Dame Mary Richardson (External Member)
Deputy the Revd Stephen Haines	Deputy James Thomson
Ronel Lehmann (External Member)	Prof. Whitehouse (External Member)
Lord Levene of Portsoken (External Member)	

Officers:

Steven Reynolds	- Chamberlain's Department
Brian Brierley	- City Surveyor's Department
Pat Dixon	- Community and Children's Services Department

1. APOLOGIES

A motion moved by Deputy Billy Dove that Deputy Joyce Nash take the chair until the conclusion of Item 4 (Election of Chairman) was agreed.

Apologies were received from Alderman Vincent Keaveny and Deputy Roger Chadwick.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no apologies.

3. ORDER OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

Members received the Order of the Court of Common Council appointing the Board for the ensuing year and setting its terms of reference.

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4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Town Clerk read a list of names of Members eligible to take the chair, in line with Standing Order 29. Ian Seaton, being the only Member expressing a willingness to serve, was elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Chairman took the opportunity to thank Member for their support.

5. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

The Town Clerk read a list of names of Members eligible to be Deputy Chairman in line with Standing Order 30. Deputy James Thomson, being the only Member expressing a willingness to serve, was elected Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.

6. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2016 were approved as a correct record, subject to Professor Michael Whitehouse's name being recorded correctly.

7. **APPOINTMENT OF THE BURSARY COMMITTEE**

The following Members were appointed to the Bursary Committee for the ensuing year.

- Ian Seaton (Chairman)
- Deputy James Thomson (Deputy Chairman)
- Deputy the Reverend Stephen Haines
- Edward Lord
- Sylvia Moys
- Deputy Joyce Nash
- Dame Mary Richardson

8. **APPOINTMENT OF THE AGBIS REPRESENTATIVE**

Edward Lord was appointed the Board's AGBIS representative for the ensuing year.

9. **HEAD'S REPORT**

Governors considered a report of the Head that proposed the creation of a number of Committees to consider areas of business within the remit of the Board. In response to a suggestion from the Chairman, Members agreed to delegate authority to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, to advertise vacancies to the various Committees of the Board outside of meeting, and appoint members to them according to their skills and experience.

Governors then considered a summary of the outreach work undertaken by the school, and the following comments were made.

- The Head noted that the school had been cited as an example of best practice during Ofsted inspections at other schools.
- A Governor welcomed the partnership working between the school and the Institute of Education.
- The Head confirmed that risk assessments were carried out prior to boys undertaking volunteering opportunities.

Governors then considered a proposal outlined within the report for the school to conduct exploratory discussions with the City of London Corporation around the potential for franchising abroad and the following comments were made.

- The Head noted that the number of international schools abroad was a growing market with a lot of potential. A number of legal frameworks for operating franchised schools had been developed, which reduced the risk to school brands.
- A Governor noted that despite the developing market, franchising retained elements of risk and therefore any proposal should be approached with caution. Should it be pursued, it would likely require the creation of a dedicated post within the school.
- A Governor noted that franchising had been considered by the school a number of years previously, but the proposal had not been pursued at that time given the reputational risk to the City of London Corporation.
- A Governor noted that criteria to assess reputational risk should be defined, and that the school should examine case studies of peer schools that had adopted franchising abroad so that lessons could be learned.
- A Governor expressed opposition to the proposal, noting that he felt it risked diluting the support offered to the pupils at the present school.
- A Governor expressed support, but noted that the proposal should be expanded to involve a wider franchising offer involving the family of City Schools.
- The Chairman noted that there was broad support among Governors for the Head to pursue exploratory discussions with the City of London Corporation, subject to the comments made by the Board.

RESOLVED, that Governors

- Appoint Committees for Finance and Estates; Academic and Education; and Governance, for the ensuing year, in line with the terms of references outlined within the report.
- Appoint and note the terms of reference of the Teachers Pay Panel.
- Delegate authority to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, to advertise vacancies on the various Committees of the Board outside of the meeting, and to appoint Governors to those Committees in line with their skills and experience.
- Provide a mandate to the Head to pursue exploratory discussions with the City of London Corporation around franchising abroad.

10. LOCAL AUTHORITY DESIGNATED OFFICER 2015/16 ANNUAL REPORT

Governors received the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) 2015/16 Annual Report. In response to a query from a Governor, the LADO confirmed that there had been an increase in referrals from across all City Schools compared to previous years, but the majority had been of a nature that could be

dealt with within the organisation involved, and the increase reflected improved mechanisms to capture incidents that qualified for referral.

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11. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD

There were no questions.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There was no other business.

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED, that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

14. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2016 be approved as a correct record.

15. FINANCIAL FORECASTS FOR 2016/17 AND 2017/18 AND ESTIMATED SCHOOL RESERVES BALANCES

Governors received a report of the Chamberlain on financial forecasts for 2016/17 and estimated school reserves balances.

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16. HEAD'S REPORT

Governors considered a report of the Head.

17. NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD

There were no questions.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE BOARD AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

The Chairman raised three items of urgent business.

19. SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Governors considered a confidential safeguarding report.

The meeting ended at 12.55 pm

Chairman

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