

EDUCATION BOARD

Thursday, 7 December 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the Education Board held at Committee Room 2 - 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 7 December 2023 at 9.45 am

Present

Members:

In Attendance

Officers:

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1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Deputy Shравan Joshi and Mary Robey.

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

There were no declarations.

3. **PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED, That the public minutes of the meeting of 17 October 2023 be approved as a correct record.

4. **CONSULTATION OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATION BOARD**

5. **MEMBER DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

The meeting heard an update on Member Development from the Clerk.

6. **GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS UPDATE**

The Board received the report of the Director of Community and Children's Services that included an update on Governors at the City Family of Schools.

7. **REVENUE BUDGETS 2024/25**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Community & Children's Services.

RESOLVED, That the provisional revenue budget for 2024/25 be approved for subsequent submission to the Finance Committee, recognising that further revisions may arise from the necessary realignment of funds resulting from decisions at Policy & Resources Committee.

8. **THE CITY EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

The Board received the report of the Managing Director of Bridge House Estates updating the Board on A New Direction for the City Educational Trust Fund (“CETF”) (290840) following the decision to award A New Direction £650,000 across 14 months to deliver a pilot phase to build a cultural arts programme within London’s primary schools to enhance the teaching and education of cultural arts.

The Education Board recalled the agreement in July 2021 to Corporate Charities Review Recommendations that the CETF’s funds would be spent out on a high impact grant programme over a 3–5-year period and then be closed.

9. **EDI UPDATE**

10. **CITY PREMIUM GRANT: EDUCATION, CULTURAL & CREATIVE LEARNING, AND SKILLS STRATEGIES 2024-2028**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Community & Children’s Services that included a summary of outcomes and learnings relating to projects funded by City Premium Grant (CPG) in the 2022/23 academic year, noting in particular:

- key statistics across the 78 CPG funded projects that ran in 2022/23;
- highlights of the most popular themes and areas of focus across projects;
- highlights from a selection of projects;
- observations on the new process’s first year of operation; and
- key learnings.

RESOLVED, That the Board confirm the previous suggestion that schools may submit bids for projects lasting up to three years.

11. **EDUCATION, CULTURAL AND CREATIVE LEARNING AND SKILLS STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS 2019-2023**

The Committee noted the report of the Director of Community & Children’s Services that included an overview of outcomes from the Education, Cultural and Creative Learning and Skills Strategies for 2019-2023.

12. **UPDATE ON 2024-29 STRATEGY**

13. **OUTDOOR LEARNING UPDATE**

14. **LONDON CAREERS FESTIVAL UPDATE**

15. **CITY OF LONDON CAREERS FESTIVAL - APPRENTICE AMBASSADOR SUPPORT**

The Board noted the report of the Strategic Director, Education & Skills summarising the contribution of City’s Apprentice Ambassadors to the City of London Careers Festival.

16. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD**

There were no questions.

17. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

There were no items of urgent business.

18. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for subsequent items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

19. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED, That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2023 be approved as a correct record.

20. **LONDON NAUTICAL SCHOOL AND THE CITY OF LONDON ACADEMIES TRUST**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Community & Children's Services, recalling that at its meeting on 17 October 2023, the Education Board approved LNS joining CoLAT, subject to further due diligence as well as DfE and Policy and Resources Committee approval.

The Board noted that at the Policy and Resources meeting of 19 October 2023, the Policy and Resources Committee agreed to consider the proposal in principle positively before bringing the matter to the Court of Common Council, subject to completion of and scrutiny of full due diligence activities and the Department for Education Regional Director agreement.

RESOLVED, That Members agree to recommend LNS joining CoLAT to the Court of Common Council following Town Clerk deliberation, subject to completion of and scrutiny of full due diligence activities and the Department for Education Regional Director agreement.

21. **SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT PROGRESS UPDATE**

22. **STANDARDS SCRUTINY MEETINGS OF CITY SPONSORED ACADEMIES**

The Board received the report of the Director of Community & Children's Services, noting that the Deputy Chair of the Education Board and the Strategic Director of Education and Skills represented the City Corporation at each individual Academic Scrutiny meeting between City of London Academy Trust (CoLAT) executive leadership team and Chair of Trustees, with the Head Teacher and Chair of Governors of each CoLAT school (10 in total).

23. **UPDATE FROM INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS**

24. **NON PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD**

There were no questions.

25. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE BOARD AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at time not specified

Chairman

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