

EDUCATION BOARD

Thursday, 14 January 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Education Board held at Committee Room - 2nd Floor
West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 14 January 2016 at 3.00 pm

Present

Members:

Deputy Catherine McGuinness (Chairman)	Alderman William Russell
Henry Colthurst (Deputy Chairman)	Ian Seaton
Deputy John Bennett	Philip Woodhouse
Revd Dr Martin Dudley	Roy Blackwell
Alderman Peter Estlin	Helen Sanson
Christopher Hayward	David Taylor
Virginia Rounding	

Officers:

Alistair MacLellan	- Town Clerk's Department
Glenn Marshall	- Town Clerk's Department
Liz Skelcher	- Assistant Director of Economic Development
Mark Jarvis	- Chamberlain's Department
Emily Rimington	- Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Ade Adetosoye	- Director of Community & Children's Services
Mark Emmerson	- Education Strategy Director
Gerald Mehrtens	- Community & Children's Services
Joshua Burton	- Community & Children's Services
Tizzy Keller	- Community & Children's Services

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor, The Lord Mountevans and Stuart Fraser.

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

Christopher Hayward and Roy Blackwell declared an interest in Item 6 (Appointment of Multi-Academy Trust Directors) in light of their intention to stand.

The following standing declarations were made.

Deputy Catherine McGuinness

Board of Governors of The City Academy, Hackney
Castle Baynard Educational Foundation & Alderman Samuel Wilson Fund
United Westminster Schools Foundation
Board of School Governors and Council of Almoners, Christ's Hospital
Barbican Centre Board
Guildhall School Development Fund
The Worshipful Company of Educators

Henry Colthurst

Board of Governors, Mossbourne Parkside Academy
Board of Mossbourne Federation
Member of Court of the Worshipful Company of Grocers

Deputy John Bennett

Barbican Centre Board
Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School
Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama

Reverend Dr Martin Dudley

City of London Academy Islington

Alderman Peter Estlin

Treasurer, Bridewell Royal Hospital - King Edward's School, Witley
Barclays LifeSkills, Senior Advisor
Guildhall Advisory Board (Business & Law Faculty of City University)
The Worshipful Company of International Bankers
The Worshipful Company of Educators

Christopher Hayward

Member of the Court of Governors – Christ's Hospital
Governor – Bridewell Royal Hospital
Governor – City of London School for Girls
Member of the Court of The Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers

Virginia Rounding

Board of Governors of The City Academy Hackney

Alderman William Russell

Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls
Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama
Board of Governors of Knightsbridge Schools International
Board of Governors Knightsbridge School
Court of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers
Trustee of Place2Be

Ian Seaton

Board of Governors City of London Freeman's School
Board of Governors City of London School
Board of Governors City of London School for Girls
Board of Governors Bridewell Royal Hospital
Donation Governor Christ's Hospital

Philip Woodhouse

Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School
Board of Mossbourne Federation
Mossbourne Victoria Park Academy, Hackney
Governor, Oundle School

Chairman of Governors of Wellesley House School
Member of the Court of Worshipful Company of Grocer

Roy Blackwell
United Westminster Schools

David Taylor
Board of Governors St Lawrence College, Ramsgate
Board of Governors Sutton Valence School
Board of Governors Queen Anne's School, Caversham
Vice Chair of AGBIS

Helen Sanson
Tower Hamlets Education Business Partnership

3. **PUBLIC MINUTES**

The public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 3 December 2015 were approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising

Sir John Cass Foundation

The Director of Community and Children's Services noted that the application deadline for primary places was 15 January 2016, and around 100 applications had been made to the school to date but we do not have details on preferences at this point.

City Corporation Education Events

Members noted the short notice received for events such as the Prefects' Dinner (12 November 2015) and the forthcoming City Schools Concert (26 January 2016) and reiterated their request that more notice be given to allow members of the Board to attend.

City of London Academies Multi-Academy Trust (MAT)

The Chairman and Deputy Chairman thanked officers for the work they had put into the 'scaling up' of the City of London Academy Southwark MAT to cover all of the City's sole sponsored academies.

3.1 **Outstanding Actions**

The Board received a list of Outstanding Actions.

City of London Corporation Governor Database

Members discussed the level of progress on the establishment and ongoing maintenance of a City of London Corporation database of prospective governors. The Chairman noted that there were two issues to consider, namely whether the Board should focus on maintaining a limited internal database or seek to establish a wider outward facing database that involved other City institutions. The Director of Community and Children's Services agreed to bring a report back to the Board on the matter at its meeting in March 2016.

A member commented that the newsletter issued to the Livery after each Livery Committee meeting would be a convenient means with which to call for interested persons to come forward as potential school governors.

4. **ANNUAL REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Members considered a report of the Town Clerk on the Board's annual review of its terms of reference. It was noted that the Board was not required to recommend academy appointments to the Court of Common Council for approval, and that the wording regarding the appointments to academies should be amended to encompass academy members, directors and trustees.

Members also decided to request that it be clarified in the terms of reference that the Board was entitled to appoint sub-committees to consider particular elements of its business.

Members also agreed to amend the recommendation concerning the Combined Education Charity to make clear that the Board maintained ultimate responsibility for setting its own priorities, amending the proposed text to '*to take joint responsibility, with the Community and Children's Services Committee, for allocating grants from the Combined Education Charity and City Education Trust.*'

RESOLVED, that

- The amended terms of reference be approved for submission to the Policy and Resources Committee and the Court of Common Council and that any further changes required in the run up to the Court's appointment of Committees be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman;
- The proposed frequency of meetings (January, March, May, July, September and November) be agreed.

5. **NOMINATIONS WORKING GROUP**

Members considered a report of the Town Clerk concerning the establishment of a Nominations Working Group. It was noted that, subject to the Court of Common Council amendment to the Board's terms of reference, that future iterations of the NWG would be formal sub-committees.

RESOLVED, that

- The proposed terms of reference be agreed;
- The Town Clerk would circulate the existing skills audit to the Board so that it may be updated;
- Virginia Rounding. Philip Woodhouse and Ian Seaton be appointed to the NWG alongside the Chairman and Deputy Chairman.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF CITY OF LONDON ACADEMIES MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST DIRECTORS**

Christopher Hayward and Roy Blackwell withdrew for the duration of this item.

Members noted that the Court of Common Council had that day agreed the new governance structure for the City's Sole Sponsored Academies and that the Board was now required to make two nominations for appointment to the MAT Board as Directors. The Town Clerk noted that Christopher Hayward and Roy Blackwell had expressed a desire to serve and, given no other member wished to stand, both were duly appointed MAT Directors.

RESOLVED, that

- Christopher Hayward and Roy Blackwell be appointed as Directors of the City of London Academies Multi Academy Trust (MAT).

7. **APPOINTMENT OF ACADEMY GOVERNORS - CITY OF LONDON ACADEMY SOUTHWARK AND REDRIFF PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Town Clerk tabled a paper regarding appointments to the Local Governing Bodies (LGBs) of the City of London Academy Southwark and Redriff Primary School. Members considered the personal statements of the applicants and made the appointments accordingly.

RESOLVED, that

- Keith Bottomley be recommended by the Education Board to the City of London Academies Multi Academy Trust for appointment to the LGB of City of London Academy Southwark.
- Jeremy Simons be recommended by the Education Board to the City of London Academies Multi Academy Trust for appointment to the LGB of Redriff Primary School.

8. **EDUCATION STRATEGY UPDATE REPORT**

Members considered an update report of the Director of Community and Children's Services on the Education Strategy. The Director agreed to confirm that work placements at the City's cultural institutions were advertised, where relevant, to pupils in the City Family of Schools.

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9. **EDUCATION STRATEGY VISION**

Members considered a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services on the vision for the City of London Corporation's Education Strategy. A Member referenced the recent announcement by the Mayor of New York that he would be putting together a New Yorkers Task Force to gain a better understanding of the growing skills gap in the city. Participants include JP Morgan Chase. Members discussed whether the forthcoming reconsideration of the Education Strategy's vision statement should include an element of external

peer-review of the City's ambitions in education, and agreed that this would be feasible subject to cost.

RESOLVED, that

- The action plan (tabled) be noted;
- The proposal to consider the Education Strategy vision at a seminar in February 2016 be supported.

10. PROPOSED BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/17

Members discussed a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services and the Chamberlain on the proposed budget allocation for financial year 2016/17. The Chairman commented that the current proposal was designed to ensure the Learning and Engagement Forum was sufficiently resourced.

In response to a comment from a Member, the Director of Community and Children's Services agreed to ensure that the issue of mental health was promoted in the City Family of Schools and resourced accordingly.

RESOLVED, that

- The proposed budget allocation for financial year 2015/16 be endorsed.

11. EXAM SCRUTINY PANEL MEETINGS

Members received a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services on the City Corporation's exam scrutiny panel meetings. Members endorsed the approach set out within the report and agreed that City academy co-sponsors should be involved in future scrutiny meetings.

In response to a comment from a member, the Education Strategy Director commented that the new City of London Academies Multi Academy Trust would allow for greater professional development opportunities for City academy staff, including staff from the joint-sponsored academies.

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12. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD
Review of the City of London Academies Multi Academy Trust

In response to a question from the Deputy Chairman, the Director of Community and Children's Services agreed that the operation of the new MAT would be reviewed in one year to ensure arrangements were satisfactory.

Annual Review of Governing Body Governance

In response to a comment from a member that each school governing body was expected to conduct an annual review of its governance, the Education Strategy Director replied that this was an item on the forthcoming agenda for the Chairmen of Governors' Forum.

13. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There were no items of urgent business.

14. **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 involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act as follows:-

Item 15 – Paragraph 3

Item 16 – Paragraph 1

15. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2015 were approved as a correct record, subject to an amendment in Item 17 (Due Diligence Reports on New School Proposals).

16. **KS4 RAISEONLINE DATA ANALYSIS**

Members received a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services regarding Un-validated KS4 RAISEonline data.

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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 COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 4.08 pm

Chairman

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