

# Dorset Studio School

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Full Board of Governors

THURSDAY 7 October 2021 AT 4.00pm

HELD VIRTUALLY USING ZOOM DUE TO COVID-19

## AGENDA

<b>Governors:</b>	Kaye Chittenden; Andy Daw (Chair); Mark Gibbens; Joanne Manley (Parent Governor); Annetta Minard (Executive Principal);
<b>In attendance:</b>	Paul Green (Principal); Tracey Richards (Business Manager)

Item		Challenge and Action
1.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>  No declarations of interest declared.	
2.	<b>APOLOGIES</b>  All governors were present.	
3.	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 17 June 2021</b>  The Governing Body approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 17 <sup>th</sup> June as a true and accurate record and approved the non confidential minutes for website publication.	
4.	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b>  The Chair reported that it had not been possible to appoint a new Clerk. After consultation Judicium had been appointed to provide clerking services. Annetta Minard (AM) reported we would have a dedicated clerk who would be supported by a professional well informed team. The new clerk will be in post for the next meeting.	
5.	<b>MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS TO 31 MARCH 2021</b>  The Governing Body received an update form the Business Manager with regard to the finances. These were scrutinised. No issues or concerns were raised.	
6.	<b>UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL</b>  The Executive Principal reported that following extensive alterations the site at Poundbury was finished for the start of term. Term had started well with year 10 and 11 using the Poundbury site as their base but the students are still utilising the specialist facilities at KMC. A site visit will be arranged when appropriate in terms of Covid. Plans for a MUGA are being investigated. The laboratory will be completed shortly.	

	<p>The handover of the Health and Hygiene building on the KMC site is planned for 11 October. This long awaited resource will be most welcome for the students on the KMC site.</p> <p>The positive contribution from Chris Hedges was noted.</p> <p>There are ongoing discussions about the new building with the DFE, LocateEd, KMC and DSS. The Governing Body would welcome a new build as described by options 1. It is understood that discussions have included making the land freehold and the relinquishing of the current KMC building. Annetta was thanked for continued hard work in liaising and negotiating with the DFE and LocateEd.</p> <p>David Humphreys has been appointed as Director of Specialism and has stepped down from the senior team. Jason Malonene and Karen Wisken have joined the senior team.</p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL</b></p> <p>The DSS Principal Paul Green (PG) presented and explained the written reports reports including results, destination and pupil number. The Governing Body thanked the school for its support for those students to attend.</p> <p>The GB noted the focus and detailed approach offered by Class Chart,</p> <p>PG explained the SMILE matrix used to support students to move from concern to lead learner through their behaviours. The GB welcomed this approach to supporting behaviour.</p>	
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR</b></p> <p>A number of people have been contacted about joining the Governing Body. It was agreed that the Chair should continue to talk to prospective new Governors. Governors were being considered for their education and SEN experience, land-based industry awareness or employment experience. It was noted that there is a need for a Governor with IT and cyber security skills. It was agreed that we would seek a staff governor and another parent governor.</p> <p>Skills Audits had been carried out by 5 governors and identified that not all Governors have been identified as the Chair. Rag rating for all other arears are green, however the new governor's induction needs to develop and engage a mentor</p> <p>It was agreed that we would continue to investigate joining a MAT. It was noted that deciding on joining a MAT was very closely connected to the future of the new building. Membership of a MAT will present our present landlord and sponsor some very real issues. Resolving the ownership of the new building needs to be resolved before the board can recommend a way forward as a SAT or membership of a MAT.</p> <p>AD had been part of the interviews for the new members of the senior team and met staff as part of the pre start of term training. AD commented on the excellent presentation</p>	<p>AD AM</p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS FOR REPORT</b></p> <p>No AOB</p>	

10.	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>  Thursday 9 December 2021 at 4.00 pm at the Poundbury site if Covid risk assessment allows.	
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