



Minutes

Approved by the Governing Body

Extraordinary General Meeting of the Governing Body of Bassingbourn Community Primary School

Thursday 25th May 2017 7.00pm

Present

Dr Linda Maynard (LM), Chair, Co-opted Governor
Mrs Claire Wright (CW), Vice Chair, Co-opted Governor
Mrs Sue Brown (SB), Co-Headteacher
Mrs Rachael Schofield (RS), Co-Head teacher (via Facetime)
Mrs Pippa Sutcliffe (PS), Parent Elected Governor (from 7.15pm)
Mrs Nicky Marsh (NMa), Co-opted Governor
Mrs Nichola Morse (NMo), Co-opted Governor
Mrs Sarah Oliver (SO), Staff Governor

Apologies

Mr Richard Warren (RW), Parent Elected Governor
Mr Stefan Mitham (SM), Parent Elected Governor
Mr Sam Spreadbury (SS), Co-opted Governor
Mrs Mandy Jones (MJ), Parent Elected Governor
Ms Vicky Tyas (VT), Associate Member

In attendance

Lisa White (LW), Clerk

ACTION

1. Welcome and Apologies

LM welcomed Governors and opened the meeting.

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Richard Warren (RW), Mr Stefan Mitham (SM), Mr Sam Spreadbury (SS), Mrs Mandy Jones (MJ) and Ms Vicky Tyas (VT)

It was confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in relation to the agenda.

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3. Resolution: Does the Governing Body support the mandate (from 28 March 2017) to apply to the Secretary of State to convert to academy status and join Cambridgeshire Innovation Trust

The Chair advised governors that the purpose of the meeting was to debate if the Governing Board supports the mandate from 28 March 2017 to apply to the Secretary of State to convert to academy status and join Cambridgeshire Innovation Trust (CIT). The Chair stated that if the Governing Board wish to deviate from this mandate, then an Extraordinary General Meeting needs to be held to determine this.

Following a detailed discussion which is subject to a confidential minute, the Chair asked governors to vote on the proposed resolution.

RS left the meeting at 8.10pm.

It was noted that there were 7 votes in total and the results were as follows:

7 'no'

It was noted that the Governing Body unanimously does not support the mandate (from 28 March 2017) to apply to the Secretary of State to convert to Academy Status and join Cambridgeshire Innovation Trust.

It was noted that the reasons behind this decision outweighed the positive benefits that the Governing Board attributed with joining CIT. The primary reasons were as follows:

- Financial stability
- Turbulence and change that the school will be experiencing over the next few months

4. Next Steps

The following next steps were agreed:

- Draft a letter outlining the Governing Body's decision and reasons.** LM
- Forward draft letter to SB & RS for review.** LM
- Arrange a meeting with the Head and the Chair of The Spinney to inform them of the Governing Body's decision.** LM/RS

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed by the Chair:

Date:

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