

Minutes of New College Leicester Trustees meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2017 at 5 pm

Present

Tony Barradell – Trustee
Sue Billington – Trustee
Jane Brown – Principal/Trustee
Ian Chakravorty – Trustee
Dipak Patel – Trustee/Chair

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

Minutes agreed as a true record.

3 Company Secretary Report

Jane Brown reported that she had sent Sue Thistlethwaite the agenda and minutes of the meeting. Discussion took place regarding Sue Thistlethwaite's potential time pressures.

Tony Barradell presented the Annual Accounts of the Trust for consideration. Trustees agreed to the level of depreciation shown and further agreed to adopt the accounts.

Action agreed:

- Jane Brown to speak to Sue Thistlethwaite regarding the position as Trustee
- Tony Barradell to submit the accounts for the Trust.

4 BSF Update

Sue Billington updated Trustees on the issues surrounding BSF. She stated that BSF had been completed in 2014 but the college was still carrying significant snagging issues due to a legal fight between the LA and the builders. She also informed them that she had received that day, the confirmation in writing of the £1.7m of investment from the LA to carry out essential repairs to the BSF build and the retained estate. Sue Billington confirmed that the work on the heating system had taken place and the college was working to stabilise the system with the engineers. Jane Brown informed Trustees that the college had already spent £400k of college's budget on urgent work.

Jane Brown informed Trustees that Sue Billington was continuing to work on issues surrounding BSF and the retained estate to relieve the pressure on the college. Trustees thanked Sue Billington for her continued work in this area.

Sue Billington informed Trustees that she was currently working on behalf of the college on the flooring in the Theatre; Dining Room and Central Hall as in all areas there were health and safety issues.

Jane Brown informed Trustees that the conditions survey had finally been received from the LA and the college was now working to collate this information and cross-reference it with the work that the college had done.

Action Agreed:

- Sue Billington work with Jane Brown to seek resolution of the issues raised
- Jane Brown to bring costed Conditions Survey to Trustees which outlines which party is completing each element of the work.

5 Governing Body Update

None.

6 Strategy Discussion

Sue Billington informed Trustees that the visioning document had not been presented to governors in the October meeting as that was the meeting in which it was announced that one of the governors had suddenly passed away so it was felt that it was not appropriate at that time. It was agreed that the visioning document would be presented in the January meeting of the Governing Body.

Jane Brown informed Trustees that Sir Jonathan North Community College was currently seeking Teaching School status and as a result, the governors at Sir Jonathan North Community College had slowed down the move towards a Multi Academy Trust. She reported that SJNCC would continue to work in partnership with New College Leicester.

Jane Brown informed Trustees that she had met Alison Merrills, Principal of Sir Jonathan North Community College, and had agreed on how the two colleges could share good practice. She informed Trustees that New College Leicester staff would be working with SJNCC staff on how to ensure that students reach the top grades at GCSE across a number of subjects. New College Leicester had offered to share the systems and procedures that the college had developed in Attendance and Safeguarding with Sir Jonathan North Community College.

Jane Brown informed Trustees that the two colleges were working together at all levels from the strategic to the operational and she hoped that this would be beneficial to both staff and students at both colleges. She explained that the colleges were using a “Try before you buy” methodology.

Action agreed:

- Visioning document and further level of details to be presented to governors meeting in January

7 AOB

Ground-breaking ceremony Sue Billington informed Trustees that she had attended the ground-breaking ceremony for the cycle track on behalf of the governors. She was pleased to inform Trustees that the work had started on the construction.

Meeting ended at 6.45 pm