

Minutes of New College Leicester Trustees meeting held on Thursday 8th September 2016 at 5 pm

Present

Sue Billington – Trustee

Jane Brown – Principal/Trustee

Ian Chakravorty – Trustee

1. Apologies for Absence

Dipak Patel – Trustee/Chair

Tony Barradell – Trustee

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.

Action agreed:

- Sue Billington to put a hold on inviting other candidates to join the board in light of the potential changes
- Tony Barradell to confirm whether he had formally invited Sue Thistlethwaite to join the Trustees

4 BSF Update

Sue Billington updated Trustees on the issues surrounding BSF and informed them of the meetings which took place over the summer with the LA. During the meeting, all of the works were reviewed and an estimated cost of £1.7m was attached to these works.

Sue Billington outlined that some work had already been started regarding the heating at a cost of £0.5m and this work should be completed in time for the cold weather. She also stated that she had gained a commitment from the LA regarding the unfinished BSF snagging works. The LA have now designated a project manager for the college to liaise with.

Sue Billington stated that she is continuing to push for commitment in writing from the LA regarding the next phase of the work on the retained estate.

Jane Brown outlined the progress made on the condition survey and costings. She informed Trustees that the college had commissioned some work to replace windows in the French/Maths corridor. She explained that the college had begun to rectify some of the BSF issues and some of the retained estate issues and that these would be costed to present to the LA in due course.

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

Sue Billington updated the Trustees on the recent examination results of the college. Jane Brown explained the issues around calculating Progress 8 but stated that she expected the college, based on the 2015 model, to be above the floor standard set by the government.

Jane Brown explained that there were some departments where results were too low, but individual reviews of these results would be carried out by Sue Billington, using the same model as last academic year.

Jane Brown was pleased to note that, on the whole, the departments who had been closely supported during the year, improved their results. The exception to this was the Computer Science department who failed to improve their results. Jane Brown informed Trustees that all of the staff in the Computer Science department had now left the college.

6 Strategy Discussion

Jane Brown informed Trustees that the visioning exercise had been completed and that the output had been circulated to all Trustees. There had been a delay on presenting to governors due to the Ofsted visit, but she intended to take the visioning document to governors in the October meeting.

Sue Billington confirmed that an independent consultant had been engaged to investigate suitable partners based on the agreed vision of the college and that this had been discussed by governors.

Action agreed:

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

7 AOB

None

Meeting ended at 6.45 pm