

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PUBLIC MINUTES

Date	:	Thursday, 17 December 2020	
Time	:	17:00	
Venue	:	Virtual via Zoom	
Present	:	Asha Choolhun	Trustee
		Carly Clarke	Trustee
		Clive-Anthony Douglas	Trustees / Chair
		Mohammed Mamun	Trustee
		Phillip Minns	Trustee / Vice-Chair
		Nina Panayis	Trustee
		Patricia Regis	Trustee
		John Rolfe	Trustee
		Rosemary Tehrani	Trustee
In attendance	:	Tom Canning OBE	Chief Executive Officer
		Sarah Lack	Deputy CEO
		Steven Lock	Chief Finance and Operating Officer
		Rose Nelson	Finance Specialist
		Marc Green	Clerk

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Items marked * are those in which a majority of Trustees may have an interest because of some shared attribute. When considering these items, Trustees should aim to achieve a balanced view, paying particular attention to the sources of information and advice, and remind themselves of their duties as Trustees and to act in the public interest.

1. MEETING OPENING

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2 No apologies were received.
- 1.3 The Clerk noted that the meeting was quorate.



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2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS, PECUINARY OR OTHERWISE IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

2.1 There were no declarations of interest on any item on the agenda.

3. CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP LIST

3.1 No items

4. PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING AND ACTIONS ARISING

4.1 The minutes of the Board Meeting held on Thursday, 17 September 2020 were **AGREED** and **RATIFIED** as a correct record.

4.2 There were no actions arising from the previous minutes.

5. MAIN BUSINESS

5.1 The Board to receive an Education for Change Presentation from Elizabeth Harris (Headteacher at Monega Primary School) and Caroline Stone (Headteacher at New City Primary School).

CS & EH presented on 2020 Covid Education – presentation is available on GH.

Highlights

Preparing for the closure of bubbles and remote learning plans

Covid Spending – investing in interventions of lost learning and lost learning plans

Driving standards – retaining high expectations have ensured pupils also maintain high expectations – pupils have responded accordingly and offers a healthy educational picture.

Education for Change – a local initiative and a response to racial inequalities across the globe (and of course Newham!) – highlighted and encouraged diversity across the curriculum through assemblies, BLM (Black Lives Matter), BHM (Black History Month), poetry, art competitions and Pupil Voice. CS added that they had developed “reading for pleasure” initiatives at the school, which were showing great success.

CS & EH added that they had also initiated a South East Asian equivalent to BLM / BHM.

Questions:

TC thanked both CS & EH for the presentation.

CAD asked if the pupil survey could be shared with the governors offline – which was affirmed.



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JR thanked CS & EH for the presentation and added that the British Council had shared this with their community to show other educators some success programming and to share their learning.

PR stated that she was not a fan of BHM because it had become highly diluted and overly visible and had lost its impact – there was so much to learn about inspiring people who had been lost to mainstream history, changed environments and changed civil rights across the UK as much as those who had done the same in the USA.

AC related to the idea that pupils could be inspired by seeing “themselves” in the books they read. EH agreed noting that there were so many books now available that the pupils were devouring.

- 5.2 The Board to receive the Consolidated Management Accounts for November. [A3]

These were taken as read and approved

- 5.3 Approval of Annual Accounts for Year Ending 31 August 2020. [Papers circulated at meeting]

These were taken as read and approved with notes and subject to the amendments as laid out by the auditors in their report at the Audit Committee earlier.

RT congratulated the trustees for their consistency and resilience, which were shown in the financial results as presented.

RN presented the document as uploaded onto GH noting that Cleves was a little behind the other schools but that she was meeting the Headteacher weekly to help wherever possible.

Questions:

CAD congratulated the team on a fantastic job and their meticulous work.

- 5.4 The Board to receive the CEO’s report. [A2]

Taken as read – TC invited questions – there were none at this time

- 5.5 The Board are asked to ratify the following appointments to Local Governing Boards

SGL explained the new appointments and asked the Board to ratify these as below

Tollgate Primary School

1. Andrew Bates - appointed
2. Akbar Uddin - appointed



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New City Primary School

1. Sophie Butterfield - appointed

6. STANDING ITEMS

- 6.1 No Item to report.

7. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

- 7.1 No urgent business was tabled or discussed.

8. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

- 8.1 The date of the next Board Meeting will be communicated to Trustees.
- 8.2 There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 17:55.



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