

Goldington Academy: Meeting of 6th Annual General Meeting

held on 9th February 2017 at 6:30pm in Room 25

Minutes

Committee Member	Position	Present	Apologies	Absent
Mr Doug Alcock	Founding Governor			Y
Mr John Bassett	Parent Governor		Y	
Mr Shaun Bowman	LEA Governor	Y		
Mr David Cook	Appointed Governor		Y	
Mr Alan Dickinson	Founding Governor	Y		
Mrs Diane Field	Founding Governor and Chair of Governors	Y		
Mrs Stephanie Field	Parent Governor		Y	
Mr Ed Friday	Staff Governor (non-teaching)	Y		
Mr Robin Francis	Appointed Governor			Y
Mr Francis Galbraith	Principal	Y		
Mr Martyn Hallett	Founding Governor	Y		
Mr Paul Hymers	Appointed Governor, Vice Chair of Governors	Y		
Mrs Amy Spencer	Staff Governor (teaching)	Y		
Mrs Clare Taalab	Appointed Governor	Y		
Mr Matt Price	Parent Governor	Y		

Minutes: Mrs Joanna Distin

Clerk to the Governors

Item No.	Item	
1.0	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> None	
2.0	<u>Apologies</u> 2.1 Apologies were received from Stephanie Field, John Bassett and David Cook and were accepted by the Governing Body.	

3.0	<p><u>Review of Accounts and Annual Report for the period to 31st August 2016</u></p> <p><i>(Available in the Academy Trust section of the academy website).</i></p> <p>3.1 Trust Board Members reported that the comprehensive Annual Report read well and showcased the successes of the Academy. Members confirmed that the Annual Report articulated the Academy's educational and social achievements for pupils. The excellent sporting accomplishments detailed in the report were highlighted. Appreciations were extended to those who had contributed to the report.</p> <p>3.2 With regards to the review of accounts, governors were advised that a different format was introduced to meet the new requirements for charity accountability. The Academy's Auditors had concluded a good audit outcome and this was a credit to those responsible for financial management at the Academy. Although a deficit was predicted for 2015-16, a year end surplus was reported. Trust Board Members confirmed that the start of 2016-17 the Academy had a cumulative surplus of £500k and this would support deficits expected over the next 2-3 years during the transition to a secondary school. The surplus had allowed for improvements to the fabric of the school and further works were planned for April 2017. The effective recruitment, retention and reduction in sickness incidence of staff was noted as a key element of the budget, as this was the biggest expenditure. Members concluded that the financial accounts showed as good a picture as to be expected.</p> <p>3.3 In relation to SATS, despite the disappointing results for Pupil Premium and most-able students, overall the results were good and the Principal was aware of the areas that required improvement.</p>	
4.0	<p><u>Appointment and Retirement of Directors</u></p> <p>4.1 Mr Robin Francis was appointed on 22nd October 2015.</p> <p>4.2 Mr Paul Hymers became Vice Chair to the Governing Board as well as Responsible Officer on 22nd October 2015.</p>	
5.0	<p><u>Re-appointment of Auditors for 2016/17</u></p> <p>5.1 The decision to re-appoint Auditors for 2016/17 was deferred as the contract was out for tender. Presentations from up to four companies would be considered by Finance Committee Governors before the next meeting of the Committee, with a proposal presented to the next Full Governing Body on 30th March 2017. Recommendations of auditors from other schools were considered and Governors would ensure that the appointed auditors would have sufficient level of scrutiny to oversee the age range changes at the Academy.</p> <p>5.2 Mr Alan Dickinson confirmed that one of the auditing companies, RSM, provided internal auditing services for his current employer.</p>	
6.0	<p><u>Any motions which the Members wish to debate</u></p> <p>None.</p>	
7.0	<p><u>Any business which governors have asked the Members to consider</u></p> <p>None.</p>	

Meeting closed:
18:45pm