

LGB Extraordinary Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 9th March 2022 @ 16.30pm 'In Person'

Membership	In Attendance	Apologies/Absent
Simon Prior (SPR) - <i>Chair</i> Jeanette Redding (JRG)- <i>Vice Chair</i> Clare Gunns (CGS) Simon Grapes (SGS) Lynne Martin (LMN) Simon Sandler-Vallance (SSV) Rolf Purvis (RPS) – <i>Executive Head</i>	Mark Eastwood (MED) – Head of School Lucy Scott (LST) – <i>ELA CEO</i>	Glen Gates (GGS) Adam Deacon (ADN) Mary Sanders (MSS)- <i>ELA Trust Link</i>
16:30	16:30	
Meeting Closed:	17:18	
Minute Taker:	Kylie Major: <i>Clerk to Governors</i>	
Quorum Required:	4	Quorum Met: YES

AGENDA ITEM AND NOTES:	PAPERS:	WHO
<u>Agenda item:</u>		
A. Apologies	N/A	Chair
<u>Notes:</u> Apologies were accepted for : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Glen Gates - Adam Deacon - Mary Sanders 		

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B. Athena Sixth Form move to Bexwell campus – LGB issues raised for discussion	N/A	Chair
<u>Summary:</u> Meeting called for the LGB to discuss issues of concern about the process of decision making by Trust leaders concerning the move of Athena sixth form from Ryston to Bexwell campus. The LGB feel disconnected from the process of decision-making. They feel that there has been a lack of engagement /involvement and would like to better understand the boundaries and expectations of the LGB in the strategic decision making process going forward. Lucy apologised to the LGB on behalf of the trust and made it clear it was not decided upon with any malice or ill intent. The decision to move Athena sixth form was made as an operational one in the interest of safeguarding and various other reasons. Governors expressed concern about the community views of feeling perplexed due to the lack of knowledge and transparency. Governors felt that they could have been more supportive of the schools decision, had they been well informed and prepared for the event.		

Some discussion took place around the following:

- pre and post mitigation
- stakeholder analysis
- communication
- strategic ramifications from operational decisions
- lessons learnt

The Ryston site was discussed regarding potential plans

- no plans made yet
- Open nature of site
- Capital investment in site would be minimal whilst in care and maintenance
- Potential to organise a strategic and /or working steering group to ensure stakeholder engagement in future decisions on the site
- The need to understand the longer terms plans of DMA in order to fully assess the best way forward for the Ryston site.
- Further exploration of existing covenants that may be in place which may restrict future usage of the site

Lucy reassures the LGB of the continued efforts being made regarding the sixth form within the DMA Bexwell campus.

Investment has been made to further improve and grow the provision via:

- A new head of Sixth form has been appointed
- Building/cosmetic improvements to provide better spaces

Next Steps:

- Investigation into legalities, covenants etc for Ryston site
- Site security assessed and improved where needed to prevent damage
- Organisation of a steering group to support in driving forward plans

Meeting Ended: 17:18

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Agenda item: B. Any Other Business	N/A	Simon Prior <i>Chair of Governors</i>
Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- All agreed this was a useful meeting and that a better understanding had been reached regarding the sixth form, the Ryston site and the relationship between Trust and LGB.- For unrelated reasons, SSV informed the board of his intention to resign from his position of community governor at the end of the summer term.- The board extended gratitude to Simon for his time and expertise invested in supporting the improvements at DMA.		

I Declare on behalf of DMA LGB that these minutes are a true account of the meeting held:

Signed: Chair of Governors.......... Date:.....30/03/2022...

Simon Prior