

Beech Academy Council
Thursday 27th April 2023 at 10.30 am
Beech Academy, Westfield Site, Westfield Lane, Mansfield
NG19 6AH

Those Present:		
Neil Davies	Headteacher, Beech Academy	ND
Bev Cooper	Staff Governor – Non-teaching	BC
Kathryn Johnson	Staff Governor - Teaching	KJ
Paula Williams	Executive Regional Director	PW
Sacha Schofield	Executive Regional Director	SS
Also Present:		
Vicky Hawksley	Governors' Clerk	VH
Matthew Hartfield	SLT	MH
Katy Craig	SLT	KC
Peter Lane	SLT	PL
Apologies:		
Lara De Celis	Parent Governor	LDC
Warren Carratt	Nexus MAT CEO – Acting Chair	CEO
Mandy Simmons-Achapero	Parent Governor	MS-A
No Apologies:		

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Actions
<p>1.1. To receive apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received from LDC, MS-A and WC.</p> <p>Due to the apologies received from both Parent Governors, the meeting was not deemed to be quorate. The Chair noted that, although the meeting could go ahead as no decisions were being made, there would be no opportunity for external challenge or questions from the parent governors. It was therefore agreed that items 2 and 6.5 would be covered today and the remainder of the agenda items would be discussed at a reconvened Teams meeting in the near future.</p>	
<p>1.2. To accept apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were accepted for LDC, MS-A. and WC.</p>	
2. BEST WE CAN BE AWARDS	
<p>2.1 Presentation to staff nominee(s)</p> <p>Four members of staff: LS, KJ, VG and HM were presented with their Best We can Be Awards. ND read out the nominations and all nominees were celebrated and congratulated accordingly.</p>	
3. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS	
<p>3.1. Chair to determine any items of urgent business to be considered Chair to determine any items of urgent business</p> <p>None.</p>	
4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	
<p>4.1. Individual Governors to declare any personal, business or other governance interests on any item on the agenda</p> <p>There were no declarations received.</p>	
5. BEECH ACADEMY LOCAL GOVERNANCE MINUTES	
<p>5.1 Approval of the Transition Board meeting held on 9th December 2022</p> <p>Deferred to next meeting.</p>	
<p>5.2 Review of Action Tracker</p> <p>Deferred to next meeting.</p>	
<p>5.3 Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <p>Deferred to next meeting.</p>	

6. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED	
<p>6.1 Headteacher Report</p> <p>Deferred to next meeting.</p> <p>6.1.1 Appendix 1 – Updated SIP – for information.</p> <p>6.1.2 Appendix 2 – School SEF – for information.</p> <p>6.1.3 Appendix 3 – Autumn Term Progress Outcomes</p>	
<p>6.2 Community Voice Report</p> <p>Deferred to next meeting.</p>	
<p>6.3 Budget Report</p> <p>Deferred to next meeting.</p>	
<p>6.4 School Calendar – for information.</p> <p>Deferred to next meeting.</p>	
<p>6.5 Cabinet Member & MPs’ feedback from Pupil Parliament – Verbal</p> <p>The School’s PM, Sienna, attended the meeting to talk to the Academy Council about the work of the MPs and the Pupil Parliament.</p> <p>The PM explained what the Parliament has been doing this year and its future plans. The Parliament aims to meet fortnightly to discuss current and forthcoming issues or activities. The Parliament has conducted a Pupil Voice exercise and has been involved in planning the reintroduction of lunchtime clubs and the range of activities that will be on offer.</p> <p>The next Pupil Parliament meeting will focus on sports day and the plan is that MPs will survey their constituents about what activities they would like to see at this event. The pupil voice surveys conducted have been effective and have resulted in changes being made.</p> <p>The PM also took part in a voice-over recording organised by Nottinghamshire County Council which was gathering the views of pupils from special schools.</p> <p>ND was interviewed by MPs relating to the catering contract and concerns raised about the kitchen facility at Westfield which has never been used. As a result of this, we are now changing our catering provider and will be opening the kitchen at Westfield. This has happened as a direct result of the Pupil Parliament.</p> <p>The recent Trust Olympics were very successful and all who took part were well behaved and great ambassadors for the school.</p>	

Thanks were conveyed to Sienna and all the MPs for their hard work and achievements so far. The Chair requested regular updates from the Pupil Parliament at future meetings. The Chair will formally write to Sienna to thank her for attending today's meeting.	SS April 2023
6.6 Skills Audit – Governor Self-Assessment – Verbal Deferred to next meeting.	
7. TRUST MATTERS	
Deferred to next meeting.	
8. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS	
8.1. To consider any other urgent business. Deferred to next meeting.	
9. CONFIDENTIALITY	
9.1 To consider the confidentiality of any items discussed during the meeting. None.	
10. DATES OF NEXT MEETING	

Friday 7 th July 2023	10:30 – 12:00	Academy Council
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Minutes approved

CHAIR	SIGNATURE	DATE