

Moorland Hub Local Board

Minutes: Wednesday 28th June at 5:30pm via Teams

Present Lynda Cooper (LC), Ewa Ziubryniewicz (EZ), Sam McCarthy-Patmore (SMP), Paul Brassley (PB), Oliver Heathman (OH), Rosie Stamp(RSTa), Alex Waterman (AW) and James Gething (JG)

Apologies accepted

from: Anthony Arnold, Rob Steemson, Dan Turner, Chris Martin, Caroline Rolls

In Attendance: Charlotte Roe - Governance Professional - GP

Minutes: Penny Young (Clerk)

No	Item	Actions
1.	Welcome and apologies – LC welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies as above.	
2.	Declarations of interest None	
3.	Approval of meeting minutes from 29th March 2023 For approval: Minutes agreed and LC thanked OH for standing in last time.	
4.	Matters arising from 29th March 2023 (not on the agenda) Update on LB review. GP– parent governor nomination forms have gone out for all schools without a parent governor. Will look at Trustee nominated and Foundation governors next. Will need a Foundation gov as Wolborough C of E joining on 1 st Oct. PB asked if things had changed from the proposals that were originally discussed? GP – We weren’t going to have parents attached to schools but because of the feedback and strength of feeling it was agreed there would be one parent per school. PB asked how this was communicated as he had not seen anything. Email was sent out from Nicky D with forms to fill in. LC – if we have gaps in cover, what is the strategy from the trustee’s perspective? GP - existing governors asked to stay, asking for new Parent Governors too. This is still in consultation stage. I believe Academy Heads asked to consider people for roles. LC - it does feel frustrating to have filled all the positions and it was working well and now having to cut down and be looking for people. OH – what is the timeline? GP – by end of term. Parent nominations in by 30th June. If more than 1 name will have to go to elections. We want to be ready for September. LC asked about Hennock as no letter has gone out. GP – because of new head coming in September, it was decided for LC to carry on and then hopefully have an election later in the term when the new head is settled.	
5.	Clerk Update Clerk to Local Board Committee to update the governors on any local or national issues PY had nothing to add. LC mentioned PY’s resignation and thanked her for her hard work over the last 2 years.	
6.	School Updates Governors to receive/give either verbal update or consider the Academy Head Report to Governors on any successes or concerns to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAN (to include pupils joined/left) • Pupil workload • Staff wellbeing and workload • Attendance 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspensions and permanent exclusions • Feedback on any parent forum meetings/parents’ evenings/PTFA • ASIP update • Risk assessments/Accident book • Pre-school update <p>Please see attached for all schools.</p> <p>LC thanked all AH’s for doing the reports and said how useful it is for governors.</p> <p>Ilington – See report. RSTa - New part time teacher recruited for YR, which is at PAN in September. Lots of extra-curricular things happening. Wellbeing better since Ofsted but challenging children with SEND. Friends very active with lots going on and new parents joining. OH - Preschool is a really great asset, feeding into the school. LC asked about Ofsted report. SMP – it was very pleasing; the only concern is the high needs for SEND. LC – I did talk to the IHH about what support we could offer as I have personal experience. OH – That would be very helpful as this is a difficult conversation to have with parents.</p> <p>Moreton – AW. Had JG and VH in last term. Did spend a lot of time deciding who was going to carry on the governor role and JG has put his name forward. VH was in for the whole of SATs. Lots of governor support. Challenging Y6s but went into SATs quite positively. Attitude very good.</p> <p>Bearnes – EW had a meeting last week. From Preschool only 1 child not coming into YR. Lots of SEND need still, which is hard for teachers and TAs. One family working with EWO. Have a plan to reactivate the PTFA. Have a few projects going with the community - working with Stover Park to replant new trees and YR-Y4 are planting seeds and will go to Stover to plant in the autumn. Trying to get Eco school certificate, energy saving, litter picking etc. No more issues than usual with safeguarding. LC - I notice from DT’s report that there was a family who had left for safeguarding reasons. Did Dan have support? AW – everything very good I did an audit very recently and all the staff are very aware of Safeguarding. Everything safeguarding wise gets copied to AW and Nicky Dunford from Behaviourwatch.</p> <p>Hennock – LC - Meant to meet Chris yesterday but postponed. Will catch up next week and will send out notes after. I would like to minute that Hennock has had a change of head again, this will be the 5th since I joined governors. I was disappointed that Trustees did not contact the local board governor to let us know about the recruitment process. Given the high turnover I would have welcomed a quick chat with somebody on the interview board to pass on local thoughts. Very sorry Chris is leaving, had a short time but he has had a really great impact on the year and helped to steady us. Really made the position his own. Very welcoming to me as a governor. Moving within the trust and we look forward to welcoming the new head in September</p> <p>Widecombe – nobody present.</p> <p>AW – SMP and AA meet in a triad regularly. Widecombe had a “big and small pet day” recently, which was enjoyed by all. AA finding his feet but doing very well.</p> <p>LC thanked the heads again for reports.</p>	
7.	<p>Standards and Curriculum Trustees Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to draft minutes (please be aware the minutes are draft and remain confidential until approved) • Feedback on any issues raised from local board Chairs in S&C Meeting <p>GP – From next year I am hoping I can circulate the minutes quickly after meetings. This will then help with focussed visits. Trustees are reading the visit notes from local board governors and hopefully system will work better in September.</p> <p>Things discussed were SEND - talking about pressure on staff. Relational approach to behaviour and restorative practice. Asking more about raising awareness, taking that on and questioning EIT and how it looks and what can be done to help schools. I will send minutes as soon as EIT approve. It will still be draft and confidential.</p>	

8.	<p>Standards and Curriculum Committee Focus: Feedback from governors on their focus visits.</p> <p>See above</p>	
9.	<p>Next S&C Focus: GP - Not finalised yet, focussed visits being set and then I will send out a visit note for each focussed visit throughout the year. Ideas on questions you can ask etc. You will have the whole years' worth of questions.</p> <p>Questions/documentation for this focus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
10.	<p>Feedback from Ethos Committees and Community Groups RSTa – Ethos visit talking about two positive/negatives of Ofsted report. Ofsted report really good. It was around Diversity and how we can build on that. Ofsted made interesting point less about kids learning about other peoples lives around the world with virtual visits but around kids of different backgrounds growing up in big cities. Talked about how we can bring different heritage and language links into the school. Talked about maybe doing a trip to Bristol. How to weave it into the curriculum a bit more. Really valid feedback from Ofsted. Talked about how it fits with PSHE policy. SMP - Ofsted inspectors are looking at this more now. More immediate concerns addressed and now they are look for other things to improve on. Bristol a good place to go as multi cultural and easy to get too. I will discuss with AW and AA about Y5/6 coming together to do things – trips, residential etc. RSTa lots of places locally that bring interesting talent and creative people – Dartington and the Phoenix Centre etc. RSta - continue to meet with Vicar John and his wife. Great links with the church. Very positive. LC – really interesting to read DTs report about 12 different languages. LC asked about Wolborough joining as C of E school and asked the governance. GP – I am meeting the head to discuss governance. LC - I would be happy to help support if I can.</p>	
11.	<p>Safeguarding Academy Heads and governors to feedback any safeguarding updates or concerns</p> <p>No other concerns</p>	
12.	<p>Governance 11.1 Appointments/nominations – Nomination of Vice-Chair Clarity on this discussed earlier. If you are keen to become chair, please let us know. 11.2 Training - Update on training Governors reminded they must complete L2 Safeguarding and online cyber training (Please send certificates to the Clerk) LC asked about Safeguarding training in Sept. It is always the second day back in September in person, please contact your school to arrange.</p>	
13.	<p>Evaluation of governance impact Review performance and value of meeting</p> <p>No comments. LC – my feeling after a year is that we really miss a chair. No one to represent at S&C and bring back the knowledge (appreciate what GP has told us) and how it comes down to individual schools. Need to think about that for next year. What alternatives do we have if we don't have a named chair. LC thanked everyone for all their help and support throughout the year. Good relationship building, good Ofsted's - a credit to all the staff. LC wished everyone a happy summer holiday and I look forward to seeing those who stay on board for September. SMP – really appreciated the commitment of all the governors. Meeting closed 18:30</p>	