

## MINUTES OF MOORCROFT LAB

Non-Confidential Minutes for the Local Advisory Board (LAB) Meeting  
Held at Moorcroft School  
on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018 7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Present:

Margaret Mulholland	MM	Advisor	Chair for meeting
Andrew Sanders	AS	Advisor	Headteacher (HT)
Abraham Ghory	AG	Advisor	Teacher
Toni Moore	TM	Advisor	Parent
Jane Essex	JE	Advisor	
Lisa Hatcher	LH	Advisor	
Jarlarth O'Brien	JOB	Director for Schools	
Philip Mabbott	PM	Clerk	

The meeting was declared quorate.

Item	Discussions and Decisions	Action
1/2017-18	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>MM welcomed everyone to the meeting and those that did not know each other introduced themselves.</p>	
2/2017-18	<p><b>Apologies of Absence</b></p> <p>Both Stephen Ryder and Susan Douglas sent their apologies.</p>	
3/2017-18	<p><b>Declaration of Interests</b></p> <p>There were no new declarations of interest for the meeting.</p>	
4/2017-18	<p><b>Eden Academy Trust and vision for LABs</b></p>	

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	<p>JOB explained the difference between a LAB and LGB. The main change is the Boards' powers to make decisions. The power has now been transferred to the BoT. This change was due to the single School formation which previously enabled the LGB to hold the School to account. However, in a MAT, the power resides centrally by both the Cabinet and BoT. The LAB is now said to be 'supportive'.</p> <p>The LAB has been said to facilitate with School Development Planning and to provide ideas and expertise.</p> <p>JOB wishes for the LAB members to have the ability to broaden understanding about the Schools.</p> <p>MM suggests that members talk about engagement and how this can be progressed.</p> <p>Certain Safeguarding responsibilities have been posed to the LABs. This however is no formal requirement, although the greater interest taken into such matters will improve its function.</p> <p>It was suggested that certain Safeguarding ideas had been noted from different Schools outside the Trust. This involves the idea of 'grading' the vulnerability of the child. LAB members agree this is something they wish to look into.</p> <p>The Trust has also bought into specialist expert advice that is something that is to be used to its full potential. 'Health voice' is something the Trust are hoping to move onto.</p>	<p><b>MM</b></p>
5/2017-18	<p><b>Signing off policies</b></p> <p>All policies were signed off, with no Questions or concerns. It was noted that the Assistant Head is working on SMSC.</p>	
6/2017-18	<p><b>Headteachers' introduction to Moorcroft and this year's School Development Plan</b></p> <p>AS presented a School Development Plan with the aid of a PowerPoint.</p> <p>Key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who the School is for? – AS explains Moorcroft is a 'Rainbow School'.</li> <li>• The vision is to enable students to develop independence</li> <li>• Meet all the needs of students</li> <li>• Moorcroft promotes a 'can do &amp; will do attitude'</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication through the use of devices e.g. iPad are being used widely now to increase learning ability. Additional TA2s have been appointed to support communication in class. Additional to this, Speech Therapists who work in the School have the ability to determine which is the best form of communication the child can use and ways in which this can be developed.</li> <li>• Systems are being set up to engage Parents with Childs' learning at home.</li> <li>• LAB members are keen to promote further engagement between Therapists and Parents, this promotes transparency. Speech Therapists and members of staff are looking into 'parent forums' to promote this accessibility.</li> <li>• There has been an increase in the number of graduate TA's wanting to develop into teachers. Moorcroft is currently setting up a program to promote this.</li> </ul>	
7/2017-18	<p><b>Our roles and how can we maximise our contribution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The School wishes to promote further parental engagement. Forums and Internet programs are being set up so parents have the ability to access information and communicate easier with staff and other parents.</li> <li>• The LAB wishes to recruit one more parent to Board.</li> <li>• 'Learning walks' is something which was suggested by members.</li> <li>• Student teachers at Brunel University currently come to Moorcroft for a day to gain experience of a Special School environment. However, members agreed to extend the term that students come for. It was also suggested that not only student teachers should be allowed, all students should be invited.</li> </ul>	
8/2016-17	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>None.</p>	

There are **no** confidential minutes for this meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.

Chair Initials
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