Core Committee Minutes

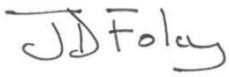
Board Meeting

Time and date		Place	
26th August 2021 18:00		Virtual through Zoom	
Present Leo Burton (LB) Lisa McCord (LM) Richard Pitt (RP) Julie Sewell (JS) Sinead Smith (SS) Avil Staley (AS)	 Staff Director MAC Administration Manager Co-opt Director Chief Finance Officer Senior Executive Principal Foundation Director – Vice Chair	**Apologies** Darren Riddell (DR) Jim Foley (JF) Claire Wright (CW) Kate Walweska (KW)	 Foundation Director Chair- Foundation Director Staff Director Foundation Director

No	Topic	Discussion/comments	Due Date	Action
1	**Prayers**	SEP opened with a prayer		
2	**Apologies**	Kate Walweska – Apologies accepted Jim Foley – Apologies accepted Claire Wright – Apologies accepted Darren Riddell – Not present		
3	**Declaration of Interests**	N/A		
4	**Matters arising & confirmation of previous minutes**	All happy with the minutes from the previous meeting.		
5	**Confidential matter**	Confidential matter discussed		
6	**GCSE & A Level Results**	SEP gave an update on the GCSE and A Level results advising the following: **A Level A* to A** – STM are ordinarily 8% above national average. This year, with best results ever, STM are -8% below due to national inflated results distorting the data. **GCSE** – Attainment is 48, normal national average is 45 Parent and student engagement and communication channels have been clear all the way through the year; therefore, there were no big surprises on results day. We are only expecting 1 appeal at A level. Numbers for sixth form are slightly down from the last two years, at 110. This is due to not being able to visit other schools and actively market the Sixth form and only 65% of STM hit the criteria due to it being a slightly weaker cohort.	Information only	No action

7	**Summer school expenditure**	SEP gave an update on the successful running of the summer school, highlighting the activities throughout the week and the positive feedback from the parents. CFO advised STM had been allocated up to £62k to run the Summer School. STM spent around £25k including staffing, utilities, catering and materials.	Information only	No action
8	**Governance Review**	SS referred to the Governance review that was previously circulated and the following points were noted: • It was a positive report, they covered the core ethos and how effective the governance is within the Holy Spirit MAC. • They suggested some areas that could benefit from further training especially around the Clerking. • *A director expressed their thoughts on the section around Board members should not be ESC members, (which everyone agreed with). However, they expressed a concern of the implications this will have on the ESC committees as this might leave some of those short of experienced members.* SS advised that we have a few new members joining the ESC Committee, and with the correct handover and training it should be a positive step.	Information only	No action
9	**Plans for reopening**	SEP ran through the plans for reopening in September: • Staggered start for each year at STM to ensure everyone has a negative PCR test before they return to school. • Track and Trace are going to monitor all COVID cases, it will no longer be the responsibility of the school. • Movement around schools will be going back to normal. • If we see a sudden increase of five or more cases, schools will have to follow a stepping up process. CFO will continue to monitor and instruct if needed. • *A director asked a question "will we be enforcing absence in school and will there be a government push"* SEP confirmed that schools will be monitoring attendance but advised we haven't had attendance issues in the past therefore doesn't see this to be a huge problem within the MAC.	Information only	No action
10	**AOB**	Staff isolating who have chosen not to be vaccinated • SEP asked for the Boards thoughts on the implications on Teaching, with staff who have chosen not to be vaccinated but have to isolate if they have been in contact with anyone with COVID. *A director advised that we have to be careful that we are not discriminating them due to their own personal choice.* SEP expressed her main concern was the potential impact on the student's learning. *A director asked if there was an option to go back to virtual teaching in these*	Discussion	No action

		cases? SEP advised we might have to review case-by-case basis and is open to suggestions. • Richard Pitt's term expires end of August but due to not being quorate at this meeting, it was agreed to move to the next meeting.	All	21.10.21
	Next Meeting	21st October 2021 via Zoom		

Signed: 

Print Name: Mr Jim Foley

Position: Chair of the Board

Date: 14.10.21