Core Committee Minutes

Board Meeting

Time and date		Place	
14.07.22 18:30		STM Sixth Form	
Present Jim Foley (JF) Paul Glenn (PG) Richard Pitt (RP) Darren Riddell (DR) Julie Sewell (JS) Sinead Smith (SS) Avril Staley (AS) Phil Richardson (PR) Kate Walweska (KW)	School Improvement Advisor Foundation Director Co-opt Director Foundation Director Chief Finance Officer Senior Exec. Principal Chair - Foundation Director Foundation Director Vice Chair -Foundation Director	**Apologies** Lisa McCord (LM)	MAC Administration Manager

No	Topic	Discussion/comments	Action
	Apologies	Lisa McCord – Apologies received	
	Declaration of Interests	JF mentioned his work within the MAC	
	Prayers	SS opened with a prayer	
	Matters arising & confirmation of previous minutes	None	
	Feedback on the working party and plan moving forward	SS ran through the plans for the forthcoming meeting on the 15th July. PG advised that during the last meeting comments from the other MACs were around not being able to identify the benefits of the merger; therefore, they could not defend the merger. AS advised she asked the working party if they did not want to do a full merger straight away, would they consider a pilot scheme? This wasn't considered a viable option by the other Macs. Talks continued around the pilot scheme and the benefits of a 12-month trial with a shadow board in place, it was agreed this would give all parties the opportunity to demonstrate collaboration during this period. All agreed to support a soft alliance of the pilot scheme if the other parties decided not to go ahead with a full merger at this time. RP spoke about the option of employing an independent consultant to do a review on all 3 MACs current business models and pulling together a business case. PR agreed to the independent report and added it should also focus on a 10-year strategic plan to set the future road map, looking at: • What the MAC should be doing?	

		• What should it look like? • How effective will it be? • Budget All agreed to independent clerking and an independent chair for the shadow board. SS advised that all three CELS have agreed following tomorrow's meeting (15th July) that an outcome will be decided. If the merger happens a programme of action will be pulled together swiftly. **Original timescales** First Phase – Spring 23 VA school – summer 23 Start – summer 23	
	Due Diligence	Covered above	
	Outcomes 2022	SS informed the committee that the Key Stage 1 & 2 outcomes were shared with the Standards & Strategy committee at the last meeting. SS explained progress is very positive, standards across the MAC at Key Stage 2 are 94%.	
	MAC Priorities	SS advised the MAC priorities were discussed and agreed at the Standards and Strategy meeting, SS will forward to all Board members.	
	MAC Self-Evaluation	SS advised next year we are heading into an Ofsted inspection for 4 of our MAC schools, below are the current self-evaluation: • OLSJ - outstanding • STM - outstanding • St Benedict's – Good/Outstanding • St Francis – Good SS explained there is a chance we could have a MAC inspection, which will last about 10 days. SS is happy and ready for the inspections.	
	AOB	**Foundation Governor Application** - AS spoke about an application received for a Foundation Governor for STM, Mr Pauly Palamattom - All in agreement to accept his application. **Staff HR issued – confidential item discussed** **Polices** – All policies ratified and formally signed off by all Board members.	
	Next Meeting	15th September 2022	

Signed:

Print Name: Avril Staley

Position: Chair of the Board

Date: 16.7.22