



Greenhead College Corporation
Minutes of the Corporation meeting held on 28 September 2009

Present: Roger Bryant, Clinton Burhouse, Bob Cryan, Mark Hanson
Charles Kaye, Mehboob Khan, Eva Lambert, Christine Milsom
Ros Moors, Calvert Prentis, Martin Rostron, Liz Ryan
Peter Skuse, Ranjit Uppal and Melanie Williams

Guests: Neil Heeley (ALPS training)

In Attendance: Anton McGrath (Vice Principal)
Debra Todd (Clerk to Corporation)

1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair of Governors

The Clerk asked if members would accept verbal nominations as there had been an oversight in asking for written nominations; this was accepted. It was agreed that the appointment of Chair and Vice Chair would be for a one year period lasting until elections in September 2010.

Resolution: 09/69

Resolved: That the appointment of Chair and Vice Chair will be for one year , lasting until elections take place at the September 2010 meeting.

Charles Kaye was proposed as Chair by Clinton Burhouse and was seconded by Roger Bryant.

Resolution: 09/70

Resolved: That Charles Kaye is accepted as Chair of Governors.

Eva Lambert was proposed as Vice Chair by Peter Skuse and seconded by Liz Ryan. Both appointments will be for one year (*a reminder will feature on the June 2010 agenda*).

Resolution: 09/71

Resolved: That Eva Lambert is accepted as Vice Chair.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mark Partington, Hannah Galloway and Sian Green.

3 Election of officers

Members reviewed and agreed to serve on committees as follows (changes and additions are highlighted in italics). A revised summary of committee group membership is below with the summary chart included with the next set of papers:

Audit Committee

Roger Bryant as Chair; Ranjit Uppal; Clinton Burhouse; Ros Moors and Bob Cryan.

Finance Committee

Peter Skuse as Chair; Eva Lambert; Liz Ryan; Martin Rostron; William Redman; Sue Creamer; Mark Hanson, ***Mark Partington*** and Charles Kaye.

Health and Safety Committee

Christine Milsom as Chair; Calvert Prentis; Ros Moors; Sian Green; Hannah Galloway, Mehboob Khan and **Melanie Williams**.

Remuneration Committee

Charles Kaye as Chair ; Peter Skuse; Eva Lambert, Bob Cryan and Liz Ryan.

Search Committee

Charles Kaye as Chair; Liz Ryan; Ranjit Uppal; Martin Rostron and Eva Lambert.

Policy Committee

Eva Lambert as Chair; Liz Ryan; Charles Kaye; Ros Moors, William Redman, Martin Rostron.

Buildings Committee

Peter Skuse as Chair; Martin Rostron; Mark Hanson; Liz Ryan; William Redman; Charles Kaye and Eva Lambert.

Resolution: 09/72

Resolved: That Committee chairs and members of committees approved unanimously.

4 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5 Examination results

Governors concurred that the results for 2009 were extremely pleasing. They expressed appreciation towards students, staff and the management team and thanked everyone for their hard work. The Principal circulated a handout to the group which broke down the results by subject. There were three or four departments who had received their best ever results. In those subjects where the AS exam results were of concern compared to last year, senior management are reviewing with staff at present and improvements or changes will be identified and implemented where necessary.

6 Student Enrolment data – September 2009

The Principal reported that a high proportion of the students expected, had arrived, bringing the total number enrolled to **1862** against a target of **1832**. The Principal updated members on the fact that the LSC has indicated it “may be able to find further funding for schools/colleges that have recruited an extra ten per cent or more students”. It would seem that the LSC is currently approaching establishments attempting to ascertain numbers; Yorkshire and Humberside Principals are discussing a joint protest.

7 Register of Interest

Returns were received from Governors present; a summary will be provided once a full complement is received.

8 Machinery of Government

The Principal advised that a letter had been sent to leaders of young peoples’ educational services in Kirklees, together with a brief version of the development plan for the college 2009-2012, inviting them to a meeting at the College at some point – dates would be determined during the December Corporation meeting.

A paper from the Association of Colleges regarding the pros and cons of being designated a Sixth Form College or choosing to become an FE College was discussed. The great majority of Sixth Form Colleges ('SFCs') are – to the best of the Principal's knowledge – intending to stay as that. The Principal will circulate documentation to assist with the decision making process ahead of the next meeting.

8 Admissions Policy

The Admissions policy was discussed and the amendments were accepted. Members of the senior team will liaise with partner schools and advise them of these changes and the College guidelines for GCSE equivalents.

Resolution 09/73

Resolved: Change admission policy

9 Pay Settlement

The Governors agreed to implement a pay settlement of up to 2.3% when it is agreed nationally. If the Unions and the SFCF agree a higher settlement, then this item will come back to members for reconsideration.

10 Enrichment booklet

Members passed on their appreciation to all staff involved in enrichment programme run by the College which was described as an 'excellent provision'. Thanks were extended to Alasdair Brodie-Browne and Dave Greenwood, in the present year, for coordinating this so successfully.

11 Work project and placement report

The annual report was praised by Governors who enjoyed receiving such an extensive and insightful summary of activity. Thanks in particular to Clare Barnes and Helen Brown.

12. Ofsted

Anton McGrath, Vice Principal, updated members on the changes to the Ofsted framework effective from September 2009. The Vice Principal made reference to the limiting grades that can now be given to successful establishments who fail to meet standards expected in equality and diversity and safeguarding areas.

Meeting closed at 6.15pm

Minutes approved:

Signed:

Charles Kaye
Chair of Governors