

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SAMWORTH CHURCH ACADEMY GOVERNING BODY HELD AT THE ACADEMY ON TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER 2022 AT 3.00 PM

PRESENT: Nick Linney (NL) (Chair), Val Leivers (VL), Lisa McVeigh (LM), Caroline Whitty (via Teams) (CW) and Jo Hall (via Teams) (JH).

IN ATTENDANCE: Donna Barnes (DB) (Clerk) and Chris Moodie (CM).

1. **Talk with Governors:** Ms Tanner, parent of a Year 11 student selected at random, was in attendance for this item of the agenda. Governors asked about their experience of the Academy and the response was that they are happy overall and grateful for support given by staff. Having two children at the academy who are both very different, has seen her youngest struggle to get back into things since Covid. Contact can be sporadic at times with reference to staff sometimes being difficult to get hold of and busy. NL explained that LM would make notes of and respond to any issues raised after the meeting. Issues with accessing the portal were shared and the number of apps which can be confusing. There are issues sometimes with homework and her child not always completing which mum challenges and takes her child to meetings with staff to discuss. The volume of communication from school can sometimes be too much, especially with older children who are capable of organising themselves and she suggested using social media more for general messages. When asked about the quality of food, Ms Tanner said her children love it and have no complaints but that it is a little expensive. Ms Tanner was thanked for her attendance and contribution to the meeting.

*Jo Hall left the meeting at 3.21pm
The parent left the meeting at approx. 3.25pm.*

2. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from, Jane Lewis (JL), Michael Arlington (MA), Jo Yardley (JY), Sharon Bassett (SB), Stephen Garner (SG) and Joanna Hall (JH) (for part of meeting).

Due to the number of apologies received and low attendance of governors at the meeting, the agenda was adjusted. The Talk with Governors item took place as noted above and the Major Topic, Ofsted item was kept on the agenda with all other items being carried forward to the next meeting.

3. **MAJOR TOPICS:**
 - a. **Ofsted:** Governors deemed this item to be confidential.
4. **CONFIDENTIALITY OF BUSINESS:** Discussions around Major Topic, item 3a were deemed confidential.
15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ MINOR TOPICS:** None.
16. **DATE, VENUE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:**
Tuesday 24th January at 11am

Dates of Future Meetings:
Tuesday 28th March at 3pm

OUTSTANDINGS (In date order)

13/05/20 SCAOT Structure and Funds **MA/CW**
19/05/21 Fundraising/Alumni **CW/LM**
29/03/22 PASAG review and GKIT **JL/VL/JH**
09/05/22 Governor training with CM **LM**
19/07/22 Governor Benchmarking visit 22/23 **LM**
04/10/22 Update dashboard suspensions **LM**
04/10/22 Review Values Message **LM/JL**
04/10/22 Energy strategy **DB/ES**
04/10/22 Academy aspirations update **LM**

CONCLUDED
Are listed on the last sheet
(In alphabetical order)

Tuesday 9th May at 11am

Wednesday 14th June at 3.45pm (Strategy Event)

Tuesday 18th July at 3pm

The meeting closed at approx. 4.45pm.