

Engage MAT-AGM Minutes

14th March 2016 @ 1930

Locksley School, Locksley Road, NR4 6LG

Attendees

See attached attendance list

Meeting commenced at 19.30

No	Item	Action
1.0	Welcome	
1.1	Business Director, Mrs. Gill Wardlow, read notice convening meeting; attached.	
2.0	Welcome by CEO	
2.0	CEO, Mr. Des Reynolds gave an overview of challenges ahead for AP sector in education and the recognition in recent funding consultation of changes in HNB. This would possibly result in the sector growing in size but with the expectation of improving standards and quality and results in terms of pupil progress; it is very clear that the onus will be on staff to find ways of being successful for their students and to maintain flexibility to allow their students to achieve and attain.	
3.0	Chair address	
3.1	Chair of the Board, Mr. Philip Harris gave his address- attached	
4.0	Report of Board, Balance sheet and Accounts	
4.1	Business Director, Mrs. Gill Wardlow, proposed that the Report of the Board and the Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ending August 2015 with the report of the Auditors therein be considered and adopted; seconded by Director Mr. Dennis Freeman. Proposal passed by unanimous show of hands.	

5.0	Appointment of external audit partner	
5.1	<p>Business Director, Mrs. Gill Wardlow, proposed that Lovewell Blake be reappointed as External Audit Partner to The Engage Trust for the ensuing year and that the Trustees be authorised to fix their remuneration; seconded by Director Mr. Dennis Freeman.</p> <p>Proposal passed by unanimous show of hands.</p>	
6.0	Election; Directors of the Board	
6.1	<p>The reelection of Mr. Christopher John Spencer; Director was proposed by Mr. Des Reynolds Director and CEO; seconded by Mr. Dennis Freeman, Director</p> <p>Proposal passed by unanimous show of hands.</p>	
6.2	<p>The reelection of Mrs. Susan Teresa Cooke was proposed by Mr. Philip Harris, Member and Director</p> <p>Proposal passed by unanimous show of hands.</p>	
7.0	Election of Chair of Board	
7.1	<p>2 previous written nominations had been received for Mr. Philip Alan Harris from Mr. Dennis George Freeman and Mrs. Susan Teresa Cooke.</p> <p>Mr. Dennis George Freeman, Director, proposed that Mr. Philip Alan Harris be elected as Chair of the Board of The Engage MAT; seconded by Mrs. Susan Teresa Cooke, Director.</p> <p>Proposal passed by unanimous show of hands; Mr. Philip Alan Harris was duly elected to serve as Chair of the Board of The Engage Trust for the period of one year to April 2017.</p>	
8.0	AOB	
8.1	There was none	
9.0	Questions	
9.1	Query on distribution dates of Notice of AGM; Trust Administrator confirmed that these had been distributed within prescribed 3 weeks' notice.	
9.2	<p>Principal of CCN Corienne Peasgood queried whether the schools within Engage MAT were receiving enough and appropriate support from other partners in the education system.</p> <p>Mr. Des Reynolds replied that whilst he was sympathetic to the performance pressure on staff in external institutions, the low rate of reintegration back from SSSfN and increasing numbers of students PEX'd highlighted a lack of support for the most vulnerable learners within the educational sector.</p> <p>Deputy CEO of St Ed's Neil Crappen, asked whether vocational qualifications</p>	

<p>9.3</p>	<p>would be recognised as of comparative value/worth to academic ones?</p> <p>Mr. Des Reynolds recognised that vocational routes had been de-valued as considered not rigorous and soft option but that more recently this was reversing. However, he believed there was still some contradiction between the aim of every child achieving their highest level of attainment and where some could not do this academically. He believed vocational routes were a valuable option if they could demonstrate that they were equally rigorous.</p>	
<p>Meeting finished at 20.00</p>		

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