

HADRIAN LEARNING TRUST

Minutes for Meeting of Board of Trustees

6pm, Wednesday 16 September 2019

In attendance: Simon Kitchman (SKi), Graeme Atkins (GA), Sarah Kemp (SKe), Veryan Johnston (VJ), Barbara Hignett (BH), Kate Chaplin (KC), Jonathon Holmes (JH)

Also attending: Charlotte Gaines (CG, Clerk to Trust Board), James Andriot (Head of School)

Part 1 Classified Non-Confidential

1) Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were received from David Hartland and Tony Brown.

2) Appointment of Chair

CG chaired the meeting for this item. Simon Kitchman was elected as Chair of the Trust Board for the next academic year.

3) Appointment of Vice Chair

David Hartland was elected as Vice Chair of the Trust Board for the next academic year.

4) Declaration of pecuniary, business or personal interests

No declarations of pecuniary, business or personal interest were made in addition to those already recorded in the Register of Interests. CG Requested all Trustees complete a new declaration of interest as part of the regular updates. CG agreed to circulate the register of interests.

All
CG

5) Minutes of meetings - approval and matters arising

The Minutes of the following meetings, having been circulated to Trustees, were adopted as a true record:

- Hadrian Learning Trust Board – 23 July 2019 – Part 1

HMS Monitoring Committee is scheduled to meet on 1 October 2019.

GA has circulated a schedule of meetings for the year for Trust Board and Committees

Trustees discussed the frequency of meetings and agreed that they should continue with the current schedule.

6) QE 2019 Outcomes

JA provided a summary of the circulated high-level figures from results days in August. He expressed disappointment that the GCSE results were solidly good rather than outstanding. He noted that SISRA is predicting a lower P8 figure of around 0.31 in comparison to 0.63 last year.

A level results were positive with an average grade of B. The vocational APS increased to

34.51 from 33.91.

Discussion followed, including: other schools "catching up" with effective preparation for reformed GCSE's; issues with inconsistent marking in English; the results of disadvantaged students; variation between different classes; and subjects with outstanding P8 scores.

Trustees agreed that the QE Monitoring Committee should consider these in more detail.

JH

Trustees considered the diagram showing Year 11 destinations. Some flexibility has been given to allow 31 students to access subjects in Sixth Form. JH questioned how this related to practice last year. JA advised that no greater flex was given on APS. GA noted that flex was intelligent in relation to the prospects for the individual, while maintaining fairness.

JA highlighted the destinations of students not remaining at QE and noted that work is ongoing to gather more information, particularly at Level 2. JA to report back in due course.

JA

7) Stakeholder engagement

VJ, KC, DH, JH and SKi attended the lunch with staff on teacher training day. SKi noted that conversations were positive.

Various events are taking pace this term. CG to circulate dates.

CG

8) Urgent business with agreement of the Chair

None.

Close and confirm date of next meeting

Part 1 of the meeting was concluded.

The next Part 1 meeting will take place on Wednesday 16 October 2019.

Trustees moved onto Part 2 of the agenda.