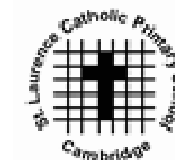


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Cambridgeshire
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Meeting Date & Time: Thursday 20th April 4pm – 6pm

Attendance & Apologies:									
Foundation Governors:			Parent Governors:			Staff Governors:			
Mary Jane O'Sullivan MJOS (Chair)	MJOS	P	Rebecca Imhagwe	RI	P	Clare Clark (Headteacher)	CC	P	
Claire Southgate (Vice Chair)	CS	P	Monica McDonald	MM	P	Phyllis Maynard	PM	P	
Fr Pat Cleary	PC	Ap							
Dr Charlotte Woodford	CW	P	Local Authority Governor:			Associate Members:			
Harry Roberts	HR	P	Sonali Kumarakulasinghe	SK	P				
Terry Taylor-Crush	TTC	P				Lizzy Bennett (Deputy Head)	LB	P	
Joan Brierley	JB	P	Co-opted Governor:			Veronica Harvey (Deputy Head)	VH	A	
Janet Scally	CJS	P	Shauna DeWolf	SdW	P				

(key: P = present, Ap = apologies received and accepted, ApN = apologies received but not accepted, A = absent)

In Attendance: Mark Dowling (clerk)

Opening Prayer

	Notes	Actions/Dates/ Person responsible
1	Pecuniary interests and declaration of interests relating to items on this agenda None	
2	Approval of the minutes of FGB on 16th March 2017 Approved	
3	Significant matters arising from minutes of meeting on 16th March 2017 From Item 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Governors Database had now been updated by Liz Taylor. The County team had agreed to the requested cap on admissions to Years 1/2 and 3/4 for the rest of this school year. From Item 6: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Head had received Chris Meddle's written report and it did not add anything of substance to what 	

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	<p>had been reported orally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governors were asked if any more had completed PreVent training since the last meeting, but none had. 	
4	<p>Feedback from parent survey conducted in March 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Governors expressed pleasure at the favourable feedback. ➤ Governors suggested some minor amendments to the draft report for publication to parents. ➤ Governors suggested that any further survey of the demand for a breakfast club should state the estimated price of the service. 	
5	<p>Academy Status</p> <p>The Governors held a discussion based on a paper provided by Diocesan Schools Service that raised the possibility of opening an empty MAT to submit the Free School Bids that St Laurence may choose to join at some point.</p> <p>The Governors were aware that St Alban's Governors were meeting later that evening with Flavio Vettese & Jonathan Lewis, Deputy Regional Schools Commissioner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Governors unanimously stated a preference for a Cambridge empty MAT to be set up to submit the free school bids. ➤ Governors would like more information about the level of named responsibility in an empty MAT. If there is any significant named responsibility, Governors stated a strong preference for our Governing Body to be invited to nominate one of our existing body at strategic or executive board level. ➤ Governors stated a strong preference for the empty MAT to remain empty until the outcome of the Free Schools Bid is known. The main reason for this was concern that joining a two-school MAT that did not have a definite plan to grow in size would risk the financial viability of the school. <p>In the meantime, ➤ Governors decided that the St Laurence Governing Body should create stronger links with St Alban's Governors. The Chair would contact the Chair of Governors at St Alban's and convene a small group of Governors to meet with a small group of St Alban's Governors.</p>	<p>MJOS to communicate these points to Diocese by 21.04.17</p> <p>MJOS by 27.04.17</p>
6	<p>Safeguarding – any implications from above discussion that need to be noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Governors suggested that the link between Academy status and safeguarding was that any change in the status of the school had to be motivated by a wish for the bettering of the children and their progress. 	
7	<p>Governor Monitoring Plan Update</p> <p>Governors were advised that some reports of visits had just been received and were on the Governors' area of the school website.</p> <p>Governors were reminded about outstanding visits to be made this term.</p> <p>The Chair and SK had attended the Spring Term RAP review the day before.</p>	

8	Governing Body Training Needs in Relation to Academy Status The Chair had booked herself onto a training session on joining a MAT in Huntingdon on the evening of 16 May, and encouraged others to do so too.	All by 15.05.17
9	Any Other Business ➤A Governor suggested that the report back to parents on the parent survey (Item 4 above) could be incorporated in a Governors' Newsletter. MJOS and CS agreed to liaise on this.	MJOS and CS by 02.05.17
10	Embedded Risk Management Changing status involved possible risks regarding the budget (especially for 2017/18) and staff retention. ➤ The Governors recorded their wish to protect the effective work being done by the Head and the staff.	
11	Dates of future meetings: All 4-6pm unless otherwise stated 4 th May 2017 13 th July 2017 @ 3.45pm to hear the report from the School Council followed by meal	

Abbreviations: FGB – Full Governing Body, SMT – Senior Management Team
SEND – special educational needs and disabilities, PP – pupil premium, EAL = English as an Additional Language
RAP – raising achievement plan, SEF – Self Evaluation Form , KIT – Keeping in Touch visit
EY – early years, KS1 – Key Stage 1, KS2 – Key Stage 2
MAT – Multi-Academy Trust

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