

Minutes of Academy Trust Annual General Meeting



Blue Coat
Church of England School
& Music College

Held on: Tuesday, 3 December 2019 at 5.00 pm

Place: Blue Coat School

Present: Lyn Johnson – Chair

Mark Gore
David Kershaw
Peter Merrylees
Mike Draper
Anna Stacey
Linda Wainscot (proxy for Bishop Christopher)
Alex Robinson
Vicki Shelley
Jane Durkin

In attendance: Lisa Henden – Deputy Headteacher
Lyndsey Maginnis – Deputy Headteacher
Kay Grainger – Clerk to Governors
Simon Atkins – PKF Cooper Parry Accountants

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Lois Whitehouse, Graeme Anderson, Paul Tuffin, Francis Peacock, E Scrivens

2 OPENING PRAYERS

The meeting opened with a prayer from Linda Wainscot.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 4 December 2018 were confirmed.

4 MATTERS ARISING

- Spelling error on additional governor agenda item. Amend regarding to regarding.

5 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS AND STATEMENTS 2018/19

- Simon Atkins presented the audited accounts and outlined the process undertaken during the audit process.
- The data within the report has been audited and reported to the Finance Committee in advance of the AGM.
- Trustees Report is a public document and captures all the successes and challenges the school faces. This is a full and detailed report.
- A final set of accounts will be drawn up on entry into the IET.
- JDU shared that the Finance Committee is mindful we have surplus revenue recorded but no monies have been paid back to the ESFA this year.
- DKE also wished it noted once again that he is aware that the ESFA have written off loans at other establishments and that Blue Coat have asked for some or all of the loan to be written off but our request has been declined by the ESFA and that we are under threat of being to pay interest.

- VSH confirmed all efforts had been made to address this concern and expressed the positive steps the School is taking by moving into the Inspire Education Trust.
- Governors and members voted to express their concern that the ESFA recognise the good work the School has done in writing off the loan which significantly impact our children and the well-being of our staff.
- VSH thanked the Bishop and L Wainscot, DBE Chair in the work we have done together in moving towards the MAT. L Johnson, Chair of Governors seconded this response.
- The accounts were **received and approved** by governors and members unanimously.

6 APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS

- Members confirmed the recommendation of the continued appointment of PKF Cooper Parry.
- JDU wished to formally thank S Atkins for his support from the start of the Blue Coat financial journey.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- A Robinson enquired as to his role as Chair of Trustees and the role of the Trustees as a whole once Blue Coat joins the IET. Discussion took place regarding transfer of land, solicitor process and was advised the Trust makes its own decision and seeks its own legal advice.
- L Wainscot informed the meeting that Blue Coat was now being recognised on the national stage of the Church of England. The School have been invited to take the Worship Band to the National Leadership Conference – DBE is immensely proud and grateful to the talented staff and students.

Members left the meeting at 5:55pm.

Meeting closed at 6:15m