

Dovestone Learning Partnership

Minutes of the Board's Annual General Meeting held at Saddleworth School on Monday, 6th February 2023

PRESENT:	Mr M Hopkins (Chair)	Delph Primary School
	Mr M Rea	Diggle Primary School
	Mrs A Leigh	Delph Primary School
	Mrs R Lee	Christ Church Primary School
	Mrs V Payne	Knowsley Junior School
	Mrs H Jeffares	Knowsley Junior School
	Mr J Whittaker	St. Thomas Leesfield Primary School
	Mrs A Rea	Saddleworth School
	Mr M Anderson	Saddleworth School
	Miss S Butterworth	St. Agnes Primary School
	Mrs S Gittins	St. Agnes Primary School
	Mr M Rahn	St. Mary's CoE Primary School
	Mrs J Goodwin	Friezland Primary School
	Miss R Swaby	Friezland Primary School
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mr N Yeo	NEU
	Mrs J Bowdidge	DLP Facilitator
	Mrs C Roberts	Clerk

1 Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed everyone and each person introduced themselves.

2 Apologies for and Consideration of Consent to Absence

Mrs S Newton, Diggle Primary School
Mrs S Hall, St. Mary's CoE Primary School
Mrs S Callaghan, Christ Church Primary School
Mrs R Ashton, St. Thomas Leesfield Primary School
Mrs J Clarke, Oldham Sixth Form College

RESOLVED: That the above apologies are consented to.

3 Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2022 are approved.

4. Declarations of Interest

No new declarations were made.

5 Presentation of the Annual Report – 1st October 2021 – 30th September 2022

Miss Butterworth, St Agnes Primary School presented the annual report to the meeting.

The standard items such as membership of the DLP had been updated in the document. With regard to school improvement peer review had been postponed due to the pandemic however during last year's summer term some reviews had been completed internally and had been very successful. Six schools had taken part and informal reports completed. This year's reviews would be completed as normal.

The financial efficiencies group had considered catering provision and all DLP schools had now withdrawn from the Council's service. Payroll provision had also been reviewed and a decision been made to remain with the current provider following negotiation of improved support. The provision would continue to be monitored. SBMs would also monitor services through their network meetings.

The well-being group had organised online coaching sessions due to the pandemic. Coaching was well embedded across the DLP. Groups of staff in schools had been trained and pastoral support in pupil mental health and parental support had been developed. Transition had proved difficult during the pandemic but schools had done everything possible for the Year 6s.

CPD – training on metacognition had progressed and staff events focussing on behaviour had taken place. The TA and lunchtime staff programmes were now up and running. The website had been developed and relevant staff trained on its use. Spelling Bee had been very successful with all schools. The DLP had been re-launched with presentations for staff, termly newsletters and a review of the website. Friezland Primary School had converted on 1st May 2022. The White

Paper had been discussed during the away day. Looking ahead full staff CPD, the website, business support and grant applications would be focussed on. Schools' contributions would also be reviewed annually. All acknowledged that it had been very difficult to plan due to the pandemic but nevertheless schools had driven things forward. There was much to celebrate.

RESOLVED: That the annual report is approved and would be placed on the website.

6 Presentation of Accounts – Year Ending 31st July 2022 – Unaudited

Mrs Bowdidge presented the accounts explaining that there was no requirement for them to be audited, however the document would be submitted to the accountants for approval and then to Companies House. Friezland School would need to be valued in line with other conversion schools. The outturn had been a surplus of £30,000. Appreciation was expressed to Mr Smith for preparing the accounts.

RESOLVED: That the accounts for year ending 31st July 2022 are approved and signed by the Chair.

7 Looking Forward

Miss Swaby, Friezland Primary School circulated the document 'Looking Forward' to all summarising the key priorities for 2022/23:

- School Improvement - peer review had been re-introduced since the pandemic and was very robust. Council support with this was continuing and was working well.

Networks had been re-established across core subjects. CPD was being rolled out bringing together a common thread for behaviour across schools.
- Well-being – coaching strategies emphasising support for staff had been a positive experience for all. Pupil support through the counsellor had been excellent. Support for new leaders would continue to be developed.
- Curriculum Continuity and Transition – middle leadership support and up-skilling was being developed. There were lots of music, PE and sports developments. Links between primary and Secondary Schools would continue.

- Financial Efficiencies – gas and electricity suppliers were being scrutinised and spend on the new catering contract particularly on equipment would be monitored – feedback from parents on the serviced had been very positive. The supply cover scheme would be reviewed. Work towards a common DLP payroll scheme would continue. Analysis of the White Paper would also continue. It had been noted at a recent district meeting that the DLP was well ahead of others.

8 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting was closed.

Meeting details:

Time commenced: 17.05

Time finished: 17.30