

## Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Governing Board of Beckley and Peasmarsh Primary Schools

Held on Tuesday 28th March 2017 at 5pm.

### Attendance

Name	Governor	Other	In Attendance	Apologies
Jane Burnett	Chair		Y	
Ian Bryan	Vice Chair		Y	
Lison Smart	Head of Sch Peasmarsh		Y	
Simon Thurston	Head of Sch Beckley		Y	
Emma Hogg			Y	
Kate Sims			Y	
Greg Russell			Y	
Jane Nash			Y	
Peter Mayers			Y	
Martin Harper			Y	
Marie-Clare Erith			Y	
Alan Lloyd-Smith			Y	
Jessica Stubbings	LA		Y	
Cathy Slow	Diocese		Y	
	<b>Purpose: To receive a presentation from LA and Diocese on Partnerships and Collaborations</b>			Action
1.	Welcome from the Chair			
3.	<p><b>Presentation</b></p> <p>Jessica handed out various pieces of paperwork about partnerships and collaborations.</p> <p>She used the PPT as the main source of her presentation to us.</p> <p>The main points she made are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnerships are increasing in ES</li> <li>• 6.5% of maintained schools are in Federations in ES</li> </ul> <p>When looking at partnerships we should be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look at Where we want to get to/vision</li> <li>• The area we want to work in/geography</li> <li>• How many schools ( approx. 1000 pupils ideal size to start sharing costs)</li> <li>• What are the main aspects of partnership which are important?</li> <li>• What is best for the pupils</li> <li>• What are our drivers?</li> <li>• What partnership helps us achieve this</li> </ul>			

Jessica went on to say that we do not have to decide yet to become a MAT. It is a good idea to have a sound partnership and then perhaps form our own MAT/ join a MAT. AS of recently a school can no longer just academise as a free-standing school. If a school opts to academise it must join a MAT. The Diocese must agree any decision to become a bigger federation or a MAT.

***Governors asked the difference between a MAT and a Federation***

- MAT more centralised whereas a Federation has choice how much to centralise.
- Once in a MAT the school cannot come out again
- Monies for a MAT centralised. A Federation can choose to share some or all funds for centralised staffing for example.
- MATs take a top slice, Federations can decide to do top slice if they so wish. It is not conclusive if the top slice that the LA take is more expensive as the MAT process of top slice due to the variation in-services to schools and compulsory services that the LA must carry out.
- MATs have more freedom to plan a curriculum in an academy. A Federation has to adhere to the LA expectations
- A MAT has a CEO whereas a Federation could have any variation of leadership structure that they make work for them such as co – Headship, Exec Head etc.
- A MAT delegates powers to the LGB of each school. A Federation has one FGB , subject to the size of the Federation it can opt to have LGBs for each school reporting into the Federation FGB

***Governors asked who is responsible for asking schools to join a Federation?***

The GB are responsible, with support from the LA and the diocese. Locally it is worth looking at schools which fit our vision and direction that we see for our schools.

***Governors asked if cross county federation was possible***

It is and there are many examples in ES and WS. It is complicated but happens. It was noted that TENAX are working successfully cross county.

*Cathy Slow left at approx. 5.45pm*

	<p><b>Governors asked what is happening to the LA and its services?</b>  The LA retains about 8% of the budget for services to schools such as admissions, services which it is continuing to develop with specialised consultants and the EIP structure. The EIP is central to the school to school support that is rolling out across the country</p> <p><b>Governors asked if a Federation can share budgets?</b>  The Federation can opt to top slice each school in its federation to carry any agreed central costs such as Exec HT or School Business manager. It would be necessary to have a SBM to oversee the budget sharing across the schools in such a scenario.</p> <p>The Chair thanked The LA and the Diocese for their time and presentation.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the Governors for their support.</p> <p>Meeting ended 18.10.</p> <p>Meetings approved by the FGB                      Date.....</p> <p>..... Chair of Governors</p>	
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