



Members Meeting
Tuesday 14th July 2020 at 17:30
Via MS Teams

Those Present		
Andy Child MBE	Member	AC
Paul Girling	Member	PG
Catherine Hall	Member	CH
Zanib Rasool	Member	ZR
Also Present		
Warren Carratt	CEO/Director	CEO
Emma Sheedy	Nexus Clerk	ES
No Apologies		
Peter Leach	Member	PL

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Actions		By & Target Date
4.1. 14/07/20	Clerk to amend the minutes of the meeting held on 20 th January 2020.	Completed
4.4. 14/07/20	CEO to consider holding the Members AGM at Bader Academy.	CEO 18/01/21

COMPLETED ACTIONS

Actions		By & Target Date
4.4. Action 2 20/01/20	CEO to update PL's details on GIAS.	Completed
4.7. 20/01/20	CEO to update Companies House and GIAS with renewal of terms for Directors.	Completed

MINUTES/NOTES FROM MEETING	
1. WELCOME / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	ACTIONS
<p>No Apologies were received from Peter Leach.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed and thanked Members for joining the meeting virtually.</p>	
2. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS	
<p>Items of urgent business were as follows:</p> <p>2.1. Home Schooling from September CH queried home schooling from September and the CEO provided an in depth update regarding the response following government guidance from September, also the changes to attendance % across all academies during the pandemic. Parents have been asked to contact school with any concerns regarding pupils returning and there are no widespread concerns. There are isolated individual concerns, which have been dealt with on a case by case basis. There followed a discussion regarding pupils using aerosol generated procedures (AGP's) and the CEO has written to the Chief Nurse of Doncaster CCG regarding FFP3 face masks.</p> <p>2.2. BAME ZR queried BAME attendance % and the CEO advised that the Trust had not seen a dis-proportionate reduction of BAME pupils attending or not. At the beginning of June, some families chose to keep their child off due to being concerned regarding the disproportionate rate of BAME citizens in the NHS England mortality figures but the Trust worked closely with families and parental prerogative has been respected throughout.</p>	
3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	
<p>There were no declarations of personal or business interest.</p>	
4. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED	
<p>4.1. The minutes and actions from the meeting held on 20th January were reviewed and the following amendment agreed.</p> <p>Page 12 4.5. Change wording to read "CH sought reassurance that the photographs used were of Nexus children and that parental/carer permission had been granted and the CEO confirmed they were and consent for use had been granted". ACTION: Clerk to amend the minutes of the meeting held on 20th January.</p>	Completed
<p>4.2. To review membership of Trust Board of Directors, Appointment/Resignation of Directors</p> <p>The terms of office for Steven Booth, Andrew Child, John Coleman and Susan Shelley were due to expire at the end of May. Members agreed with the Directors unanimous recommendation for their terms to be re-appointed for a further four years, in line with published Trust protocol. This will be formally minuted here.</p> <p>Peter Castleton's term is due to expire in October 2020 and the Chair will be proposing to Directors at the July Board Meeting that PC is re-appointed. Subject to PC's formal continuation and Directors recommendation, Members formally agreed for PC to be re-appointed for a further four years.</p>	

<p>4.3. To receive the Articles of Association</p> <p>The CEO provided context regarding the DfE need for updated AofA, due to the incorporation of Bader Academy. The updated AofA had been duly approved by Directors and also approved/signed by Members.</p>	
<p>4.4. Strategic Plan 2019/2020 Update</p> <p>CEO provided an overview of the Strategic Plan 2019/2020 Update and there was a discussion on the most significant highlights:</p> <p>The requirement for Special Schools to be open has never changed through lockdown because pupils have EHCPs, therefore our academies have remained open wherever parents have required a place and the Trust have taken all reasonable steps to comply with Government guidance. Throughout the period, staff anxiety/concern has outweighed parental concern and there have been no parental complaints regarding the Trust offer or the quality of provision. From 1st June, there has been a steady increase in attendance. LGB's were suspended in Summer 1. Four Board Meetings have been held virtually and the Chair commented he feels the virtual approach will need to continue until autumn term, at least.</p> <p>AC asked the CEO if the Trust have a contingency plan for distance learning should a local outbreak occur, as recommended by the DfE and the CEO provided a detailed response. AC further asked if this is being documented and the CEO explained each academy has their own approach.</p> <p>ZR queried if parents have been asked if the home schooled pupils have IT equipment and if the Trust has accessed Government funding for the vulnerable group and the CEO advised the Trust has accessed funding but the Trust's preference has been for pupils to attend school, due to wider concerns/issues with hardware infrastructure and e-safety etc. This is something the Trust may possibly need to focus on more from September. The CEO advised the Trust has not yet received laptops for the Y10 vulnerable group.</p> <p>CH asked if any of the Trust's schools were part of the Test & Trace schools pilot and the CEO advised no.</p> <p>PG queried the Dinnington College site and the CEO provided detailed background information.</p> <p>The CEO provided an update regarding the positive outputs from the employee opinion survey and the recent Pennine View Ofsted Report.</p> <p>The CEO provided Members with an update regarding the opening of Bader Academy and suggested holding the AGM in January 2021 at Bader Academy so Members could view the school.</p> <p>ACTION: CEO to consider holding the Members AGM at Bader Academy.</p>	<p>CEO 18/01/21</p>
<p>4.5. To update Members Contacts</p> <p>None.</p>	
<p>4.6. To review Members Pen Picture</p> <p>None.</p>	

5. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS	
Outlined at 2.1. and 2.2.	
6. CONFIDENTIALITY	
There were no items deemed to be confidential.	
7. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 18th January 2021 at 17:30 – 19:00 – AGM – Venue TBCTuesday 13th July 2021 at 17:30 – 19:00 – Nexus HQ	