

**Minutes of the Local Academy Board meeting
held on Wednesday 5th September 2018
at 5pm at Tuxford Academy**

Governor name	Initials	Governor category	A = absence
Mrs N Davis	ND	Appointed	A
Mr A Denley	AD	Appointed	
Mrs C Donlan-Harrison	CDH	Appointed	
Dr L Galbraith	LG	Associate	
Mr R Lancaster	RL	Appointed	A
Rev. G Price (Chair)	GP	Appointed	A
Miss M Tivey	MT	Staff	A
Mrs I Wiggins (Vice Chair)	IW	Appointed	

In Attendance:

Staff Name	Initials	Role	A = Absence
Mr D Vernon	DV	Academy Director	
Mr D Cotton	DV	Senior Executive Leader	
Mr J Hardy	OH	Vice Principal	
Mrs J Stock	JKS	Clerk – Minute Taking	

Item No	Item	Action/ by who/when
LAB/001/1818	<p>Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received and agreed from Rev. Price who had work commitments and Mr Lancaster for illness. Mrs Davis and Miss Tivey were absent from the meeting.</p> <p>This meeting was not quorate.</p>	

LAB/002/1818	<p>Declaration of interest There were no declarations of interest, either direct or indirect, for any items of business on the agenda. And there are no changes to declarations made at the start of the year.</p>	
LAB/003/1818	<p>Minutes of the meeting dated Monday 16th July 2018 having previously been received were agreed and signed by the chair.</p>	
LAB/004/1818	<p>Matters Arising:- LAB/067/1718 – Membership Review Mrs Wiggins informed governors that Mr Scott had agreed to remain on the Local Academy Board (LAB) as an associate governor. He will work remotely to support the LAB and academy. Governors were also advised of the resignation of Ms Chrispin. Mrs Wiggins informed those present that she had corresponded with Ms Chrispin and passed on best wishes from the governors.</p> <p>LAB/077/1718 – Trips Mr Vernon brought a trip to the LAB for governor approval. The trip is a residential trip to Paris, proposed for June 2019.</p> <p>CONFIDENTIAL ITEM</p> <p>LAB/078/1718 – Governor Mark Mrs Wiggins informed governors that the application was now ready to present to Governor Mark. This had taken her and Mr Lancaster over a year to put together. The school had previously held this accreditation, however the process requires a full application for renewal. The cost is £1000. The accreditation will last 3 years if successful. An external inspection of governance in July had been impressed with the quality of the Governor Mark application. Mr Vernon and Mr Cotton are in support of the application. Mr Vernon said that he would personally like to thank Mrs Wiggins and Mr Lancaster for all the work they had put in to prepare this application. Governors asked if the cost had been budgeted for. Mr Vernon confirmed it had. Governors were happy for this to be submitted to Governor Mark.</p>	<p>LAB November</p> <p>F&R meeting Oct 18</p>
LAB/005/1818	<p>Academy Results Performance Review / KPI Mr Vernon informed governors that the leadership team were very pleased with the exams results this year. Mr Hardy informed governors that more data will be received over the coming weeks. The data being presented is un-validated.</p> <p>GCSE: Mr Vernon reminded governors that this cohort of students was weaker than last year. Last year students were above national average, this year they are below. Mr Hardy gave a PowerPoint presentation to governors. Governors were given APS (average point score) data compared to national.</p>	

Governors asked if extra support was put in place because it was known this was a weaker year group. Mr Hardy confirmed that these exams were very different to previous years and that the study group and Saturday club had been successfully running for three years to offer additional support to students and create an ethos for working hard. Governors and staff discussed collating feedback from students regarding the additional support, impact and strategy for revision. Mr Vernon confirmed that the staff have to work with what is best for each student. Governors were informed that most weeks saw up to 100 students attending additional revision sessions, with 50 of these students regularly attending.

Mr Hardy informed governors that the key measures are:

- Basics - % 4+/5+ English and Maths
- Attainment 8 / Progress 8
- EBAC
- English & Maths performance
- Subject performance
- Groups
- High/Middle/Low

GCSE results show 69% students achieved A*-C/4+ (standard pass) in English and Maths with 49% achieving 5+ (strong pass) English and Maths. These results were slightly down on last year, but this is a weaker cohort. Governors were reminded that the academy are judged against a 4/5. Attainment 8 has gone down, but it can't be compared. Progress 8 is predicted to be 0.15 but it could end up anywhere between 0.45 and 0.15. EBAC has reduced in importance and is dependent on students taking a modern foreign language (MFL).

Mr Hardy reminded governors that this was the first year where the majority of subjects moved onto new exams. This was a weaker year group and can't be compared to last year. The published Tuxford Academy results were strong and all headline figures were above national data. The % of A* - A /7+ has remained high. Boys continue to underperform girls and this group were boy heavy. Attainment 8 dropped, but this was also the national picture. English results remain strong and it is the strongest faculty in the school this year. **Governors asked** what has changed. Mr Hardy informed them that the change in exam structure has helped. Maths is in line with last year especially in 4+. It is less in line with 5+. The students achieved more grade 9's in Maths than in English. Predicted progress is expected to be above zero. Science results were good although 5+ requires work. Governors were informed that the academy was now using new software for exam results which gives more in depth data.

Mr Hardy told governors that disadvantaged outcomes are much stronger than in previous years, however this is not reflected in the predicted Progress 8. This is due to the loss of alternative qualifications in the open group. Special educational needs (SEN)

is in line with progress. The % English and Maths is lower this year, but this is a small cohort.

Governors were told that High ability students out performed middle ability students. Girls did better than boys and students revised less for later exams (28 exams). **Governors asked** what the later exams were. They were told they were the option subjects. **Governors asked** how many option subjects were then taken at A level. Mr Hardy said many of them were and that option subjects were very important. Mr Cotton told governors that this was a national issue. Mr Hardy informed governors that there was more anxiety around exams than ever before. **Governors asked** what has been put in place for students. Mr Vernon told governors that a member of staff was trained in mindfulness and will be teaching strategies to students. Currently this is for Year 8 and Year 11 students. This should identify students who require more support.

Post 16:

Mr Hardy told governors that this cohort of students was slightly weaker than last year. Based on predicted results these students did better than expected. Results went down slightly and progress was inline. BTEC is going through transition so it is impossible to predict a progress score. All DALP schools are predicting low Value Added (VA). 100% of students got on their pathway. 79% of students got their first choice of university, and 98% of students planning to go to university have been successful. A high percentage of students not choosing university are moving onto a higher apprenticeship. There are no NEETs (Not in education, employment or training). Girls out performed boys at A Level. A*-A% and A*-B% are higher than predicted. Mr Vernon confirmed that 9 students gained a place at a Russell Group University. Working in collaboration with Retford Oaks, Tuxford will see some students travelling from Retford Oaks to study at Tuxford. Mr Cotton informed governors that OFSTED will be placing a greater focus on curriculum and pathways rather than headline data. There will be a greater emphasis on proving the correct pathway for a student.

LAB/006/1818	<p>Academy Specific: Trips was covered under agenda item LAB/004/1819</p>	
LAB/007/1818	<p>Determination of confidentiality of business and Equality Act consideration Governors considered whether anything discussed during the meeting should be deemed as confidential and whether during their discussions any equal opportunities issues have arisen. It was resolved that a section of LAB/004/1819 should be confidential and there had been no Equality Act implications</p>	

LAB/008/1818	Date and time of next meeting Monday 12 th November at 5pm.	
	<p>The meeting closed at 6:25pm</p> <p>Signed.....(chair)</p> <p>Date.....</p>	