

## **Minutes of New College Leicester Trustees meeting held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 at 5 pm at New College Leicester (Annual General Meeting)**

### **Present**

Dipak Patel – Trustee/Chair

Sue Billington – Trustee

Jane Brown – Principal/Trustee

Tony Ford – Trustee

James Aldred – Principal Designate for New College Leicester (observer)

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Lynn Dawson – Company Secretary

Elly Cutkelvin – Trustee

Angus Fraser - Trustee

### **2. Matter Arising from the previous meeting held on 29 February 2024.**

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Registration of Trustee – Lynn Dawson to register Tony Ford with Companies House.  
Jane Brown to organise ID badge.

Replacement of Chair of Governors – Governor Services advised that the current Vice Chair of Governors will need to chair the first meeting of the Governing Body, but then the Chair can rotate each meeting.

Registration of new Governor – completed by L Dawson

MAT Update – Jane Brown compiled the letter and this was signed by Dipak Patel and Sue Billington.

### **3. Company Secretary Report.**

Jane Brown had previously circulated the Annual Accounts for approval. Jane Brown reminded Trustees that the assets are depreciated on a straight-line method annually. She also reminded Trustees that the assets would transfer into Nova Trust, should the school join that Trust. Trustees unanimously approved the accounts.

#### **ACTION:**

- Lynn Dawson to submit accounts to Companies House.

### **4. Governing Body Update.**

Sue Billington informed the Trustees the in the Governing Body meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March, the Board of Governors unanimously agreed to proceed with looking to join Nova Multi Academy Trust. She informed the Trustees that there had been a robust debate but that the governors had recognised that the college was in a vulnerable position going forward regarding education finance and the support available via the Local Authority.

Jane Brown shared an email which she had received from the CEO of Nova MAT on 17<sup>th</sup> May, which confirmed that the Trustees of Nova MAT had agreed that New College Leicester could join Nova Trust following their due diligence.

Sue Billington updated the Trustees on the redundancy process which had reached its conclusion. She informed Trustees that following the Staffing Sub-Committee meeting of 3 Governors, there were no compulsory redundancies as sufficient volunteers had stepped forward. She also informed them that there were no appeals and no challenge from the Unions. She reassured Trustees that the new roles and the reshaping of the support staff would move the school to having more flexible roles in the future.

**ACTION:**

- Jane Brown to complete the Expression of Interest with the DfE regarding joining Nova MAT

**5. Strategic Discussion.**

None.

**ACTION:**

**6. Date of Next Meeting.**

It was agreed that Jane Brown would recirculate the dates of the meetings for 24-25 Academic year.

**Trustees Meetings**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May