

# Alexandra School

## Minutes of Local Advisory Board Meeting Held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.00pm

### Community Members

\*Sue Stalley (SS) Chair  
\*Barry Nolan (BN)  
+Peter Horne (PH)  
\*Temple Rogers (TR)  
+Graham Henson (GH)

### Staff Members

\* Simone Wright (SW)  
\*Sophia Gordon (SG)

### In attendance:

\*Catherine Holdsworth

### Parent Members

\* David Hamilton (DH)  
(Vice Chair)  
\* Anand Pajpani (AP)

### Headteacher

\*Perdy Buchanan-Barrow  
(PBB)

### Clerk

\*Zareena Ullah (ZU)

\* denotes present

+ denotes absent with apologies received and accepted

- denotes absent no apologies received or accepted

1. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair** - SS resigned as Chair. She was nominated and duly elected as Chair of the Local Advisory Board (LAB).

DH resigned as Vice Chair. He was nominated and duly elected as Vice Chair.

2. **Declaration of Interest** - None

3. **Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising** - DH kindly agreed to manage the Friends of Alexandra account.

**The minutes were agreed and ratified.**

4. **Eden Update** – BN informed the meeting that:-

- Ian Gentle has stood down from the Board of Trustees due to ill health. BN will pick up Ian's role as LAB Liaison and will have regular meetings with the Chairs of LABS.
- Hexham Priory School and James Rennie School are now part of the Eden Academy which has become a family of 7 schools.
- There are 2 new members on the Board of Directors; Liz Davison from Hexham Priory is a representative and permanent trustee. James Rennie will have a representative on the Board of Directors as a trustee for 1 year.
- The plans for Grangewood School to be rebuilt are going ahead and pupils will be temporarily relocated to Penn before building works commence.
- Sunshine House will be closing and pupils will move to Grangewood once the new building is completed.

- A new site has been found for the Free School. BN said this is a huge complex piece of work.
- Grangewood School recently had an OFSTED Inspection. They were given a Grade 3 – (requires improvement). BN said this was not the outcome they expected. The BOD will create a 3 year plan with a clear vision on how to move forward.

**5. Headteacher's Report** – (see School Development Plan 18-19)

PBB went through the School Develop Plan (SDP) in detail.

**BN asked** how well staff used the online training portal.

PBB said Nick White has informed her that Alexandra staff use it well.

PBB stated she would like Alexandra staff to form a well-being group. She would like to spend £100 from the budget per term on well-being. One member of staff has agreed to lead this group.

**BN asked** what the money would be spent on.

PBB said it could be spent on anything from nice hand soap in the toilets to hand cream or anything small which would make a difference to staff well-being.

Maths Mastery - TR volunteered to support progress against the Maths Mastery target throughout this year.

**TR**

PBB informed the LAB that we have Anne Byrne, a play therapist coming into Alexandra one day a week.

**BN asked** if Anne is an Eden Play Therapist.

PBB stated she is an independent therapist who is exceptional.

Behaviour Watch (BW) – PBB said she feels BW is a bit of an uphill battle. CH said we are trying to work with it to make it work for us. PBB said that when staff are recording information on BW, they cannot see the chronology which makes it difficult for them to see a pattern. It relies solely on the Designated Safeguarding Leads spotting a pattern in events.

**AP asked** if these concerns have been passed onto BW.

CH said yes they have. She stated that staff are recording everything on BW and are using it correctly but there are some sticking points.

BN asked if we are using it the same way as Andrew Sanders at Moorcroft.

CH said we are probably using it in a different way to Andrew. CH wanted to share that the support from BW has been excellent.

DH asked if the output was written or graphical. PBB said it can be graphical.

Classroom Monitor (CM) - PBB informed the LAB that we have been using CM for 2 years. We use it to clarify how we report to parents and professionals.

**DH asked** if we were happy using CM now.

CH said yes we are. The way we measure targets and monitor pupil progress is much better.

**AP asked** what role a LAB member could take in the SDP target 'to develop a culture of appropriate risk and resilience'. PBB said she was not sure but welcomed

any ideas from LAB members.

AP volunteered to support income generation for the SDP target ‘to develop the support and provision offered for children with physical and sensory needs’.

**AP**

6. **Safeguarding Report** – CH went through the report (see Paper)

7. **End of Year Reports 17-18** – DH asked if we could take staff on Maternity Leave out of the statistics. PBB said unfortunately we cannot.

SS said the style of the report is much improved and informative. The parent report was also interesting. PBB stated she has got all the responses from the parent survey now and they are largely positive.

AP said there were some interesting and nice comments from parents. PBB stated she will also give the survey out to new parents to complete.

**PBB**

8. **AOB** - none

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

**Date and time of next meeting – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm**

Signed..... Chair of Local Advisory Board

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