

Dovestone Learning Partnership

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Saddleworth School on Monday, 11th February 2019

PRESENT:	Mrs A Leigh (Chair)	Delph Primary School
	Mr M Hopkins	Delph Primary School
	Mrs S Callaghan	Christ Church Primary School
	Mrs P Parslow	Christ Church Primary School
	Mrs R Ashton	St. Thomas Leesfield Primary School
	Mrs C Ireland	St. Thomas Leesfield Primary School
	Mr M Rea	Diggle Primary School
	Mrs S Newton	Diggle Primary School
	Mrs A Rea	Saddleworth School
	Miss S Butterworth	St. Agnes Primary School
	Mr C Cartwright	St. Agnes Primary School
	Mr M Rahn	St. Mary's CoE Primary School
	Mrs J Goodwin	Friezland Primary School
	Miss R Swaby	Friezland Primary School
	Mrs J Clarke	Oldham Sixth Form College

IN ATTENDANCE:	Mrs J Bowdidge	DLP Facilitator
	Mr D Watson	Saddleworth School
	Mrs P Buckley	Parent
	Ms D Ellis	Diggle Primary School
	Ms S Gittins	St. Agnes Primary School
	Mrs C Roberts	Clerk

1 Welcome and Introduction

Mrs Bowdidge welcomed everyone to the DLP's first AGM.

2 Appointment of Chair

RESOLVED: That Mrs Leigh is appointed chair for the meeting.

3. Introductions

Each person introduced themselves.

4. Apologies for Absence

The following apologies were noted:

- Mrs S Hall – St Mary's CoE Primary School
- Mrs V Payne – Knowsley Primary School
- Mr M Milburn – Saddleworth School
- Mrs C Pinnington – Knowsley Primary School
- Mr A Sutherland – Director of Education

5. What is the DLP? Background Information

Mrs Bowdidge explained that the trust comprised of nine schools including aided, foundation and community and had been established in October 2016. The co-opted model had been chosen and the format and responsibilities within it were explained. Those present were reminded that all the schools were still part of the local authority and the individual governing bodies retained responsibility for their assets, staff and curriculum. Land and assets being held by the trust board.

The trust was registered with Companies House and all the necessary legalities associated with forming it had been adhered to.

Each school had adopted the values of a co-operative model which placed an emphasis on community, a clear vision and shared values. There was minimal change for the schools involved but this model could be used as a stepping stone to other ventures. The membership, structure and the current development of the stakeholder forum were explained. Attention was also drawn to the trust's visions and aims.

Some of the benefits of being part of a trust were highlighted, these included; peer reviews, regular headteacher meetings, shared policies, chairs' meetings, shared expertise, shared professional development and financial savings through the purchase of services such as payroll.

6. Membership Report

Members were needed to form a co-operative and one of the current priorities was to concentrate on developing the community element by progressing the stakeholder forum. Other key responsibilities included receiving annual reports and directors' statements and electing members of the stakeholder forum as mentioned above. To date staff, governors and parents had joined the group but more from the community were needed. The three levels of membership were explained, and further efforts would be made to encourage greater interest.

7. Presentation of the Annual Report

A copy of the report was circulated. Attention was drawn to the achievements the trust had made in such a short space of time.

8. Presentation of Accounts

The financial statement ending 31st July 2018 was circulated. Responding to an enquiry Mrs Bowdidge explained that the assets had now been transferred legally and that the certification (legal notification) was awaited. Once the accounts were approved they would be submitted to Companies House.

RESOLVED: That the financial accounts are approved.

Meeting details:

Time commenced: 5.00 p.m.

Time finished: 5.45 p.m.